

Harwinton Land Conservation Trust, Inc.
Annual Meeting
Harwinton Public Library
March 30, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President, Bob Orciari at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Officers

Bob Orciari	President
Tamara Christensen	Vice President
Herb Etter	Treasurer
Karen Burnett	Secretary

Board of Directors

Liz Brayboy	Larry Connors	Steve Craig
Karen Kelleher	Rob Lesniewski	Howard Rood
Tom Schoenemann	Elaine Sederquist	

Chairs and Stewards

Donna Potwin	Eric Rahn
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General Membership & Guests

Bruce Burnett	Mary Ellen Connors	Joy Derosia
Elizabeth Foster	Mary Magnoli	Barbara Michaud
Susan Rood		

Introductions

Officers and members of the board were introduced.

Presentation on Monarch Butterflies

Eric Rahn provided a slide show and very informative talk about monarch butterflies

Secretary's Report

Minutes from the annual meeting on March 31, 2016 were already approved at a previous board meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Herb Etter presented the report showing a balance in the checking account of \$12,719. We also have three bank CDs with a combined value of \$32,891. In an average year we normally collect approximately the same amount that we spend. So far this year collections have been good. See attached for more details.

President's Report

Budget

Bob Orciari reported that we took in about \$11,000 of which about \$8,000 was donations and about

\$3,000 was grants. About \$700 was restricted to land acquisition. Our greatest expense is for insurance. General Liability is paid annually while D&O Insurance is paid every other year. Our second highest expense is for mailings.

Membership

Membership remains at about 150 members which is about average. This is our life blood. We have improved and streamlined our thank you note processing.

Land Acquisition Plan

Last year we completed a new Land Acquisition Policy. In this we stated that it is very important to have public access. To this end, we completed a lot of improvements including trails. Our property selection criteria specify that we want high quality land in preference to a high quantity.

Vice-President's Report

Tamara Christensen reported that our website is a good resource for the public. It has information about our properties, activities and Land Acquisition Plan. There has been steady growth in activity with almost 4,000 page views last year. Instagram has 90 followers and Facebook has about 300 likes with increasing amounts of engagement.

Overview of Properties

Prudden easement – stewards Tom Schoenemann and Howard Rood

The property was walked on schedule and they found it was in order.

High Meadows – steward Herb Etter

The surveyor marked the pins. No map was made. We will take pictures of the final results.

Indian Meadow – steward Bill Tracy

There is no good public access. We need specific boundaries and good access points marked. The property was surveyed and we will follow up with markers. We should also consider a hemlock buffer for neighbors.

Laurel Marsh – steward Tamara Christensen

A work party in October extended the path and cleared brush for an enhanced view. A bench was installed on the observation deck and two other benches were added on knolls.

Forever Forest – steward Liz Brayboy

A new vista was opened up along the trail. General upkeep was done and brush was cut along a boundary. More plantings are needed.

Meadowview - steward Rob Lesniewski

Extensive work was done on the boardwalk, on clearing brush and on setting up the charcoal historic site. Plantings for a privacy buffer on the west side and around the parking area were planned. This property is in good shape.

Bull Pond - reported by Bob Orciari

Last year the Connecticut Botanical Society did a plant identification program here which was open to the public. There was good turnout and the botanist said we have a very diverse plant population. Last year three benches were installed, including two by Camp Geedapapa. A grant proposal was done for

more plantings of blueberries and mountain laurel. A work party will be needed. We are considering paving the driveway, perhaps supported by grant money. An Eagle Scout candidate is interested in doing an observation deck on the red trail.

Nominations

Larry Connors nominated the following slate for members of the board of directors:

Liz Brayboy	Larry Connors	Steve Craig
Karen Kelleher	Rob Lesniewski	Howard Rood
Tom Schoenemann	Elaine Sederquist	William Tracy.

There were no further nominations. This passed unanimously.

Liz Brayboy asked if perhaps there were any eagle scouts who grew up in Harwinton and might want to be on the board of directors.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

Liz made a motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Burnett, Secretary

HARWINTON LAND CONSERVATION TRUST, INC.

THOMASTON SAVINGS BANK

ACCOUNT LEDGER

MONEY MARKET CHECKING

Acct. # 514001692

2017

DATE	DEPOSIT	DISBURSEMENT	CHECK No.	BALANCE	EXPLANATION
				\$16,627.75	Balance 1-1-17
1/6/2017		\$695.00	Trans.	\$15,932.75	Dep. Land Fund
1/10/2017	\$280			\$16,212.75	Dues -
1/17/2017		\$50.00	330	\$16,162.75	CT Sec'y. of the State
1/28/2017	\$1,000.00			\$17,162.75	Dues/Heflin
1/12/2017		\$94.00	328	\$17,068.75	Stamps
1/31/2017	\$2.14			\$17,070.89	Jan. Interest
2/24/2017		\$95.58	331	\$16,975.31	Photo Arys
2/24/2017	\$50.00			\$17,025.31	IBM check
2/7/2017	\$23.38			\$17,048.69	Amazon direct deposit
2/28/2017	\$1.97			\$17,050.66	Feb. Interest
3/6/2017		\$533.67	328	\$16,516.99	USPS/mailling
3/13/2017		\$35.91	332	\$16,481.08	General Expenses/R. Orcian
3/13/2017		\$1,119.00	333	\$15,362.08	NW Cons Dist. (NW CT Foubdation
3/20/2017	\$1,175.00			\$16,537.08	Dues, Land
3/20/2017	\$935.00			\$17,472.08	Dues, Land
3/20/2017		\$1,545.50	334	\$15,926.58	Annual mailer printing
3/23/2017	\$970.00			\$16,896.58	Dues, Land
3/25/2017	\$865.00			\$17,761.58	Dues, Land
3/27/2017	\$1,105.00			\$18,866.58	Dues, Land
3/30/2017	\$625.00			\$19,491.58	Dues, Land
3/30/2017		\$250.00	335	\$19,241.58	Annual Dues

LAND ACQUISITION FUND

11/6/2017	\$695.00	Trans.	\$12,021.36	Balance 1/1/17
1/31/2017	\$1.66		\$12,716.36	From General Fund
2/28/2017	\$1.46		\$12,718.02	Jan. Interest
			\$12,719.48	Feb. Interest
				BANK BALANCE 2/28/17
				\$12,719.48

CDs as of 2/11/17

General Funds	Original Value	Term	Rate	Maturity
#00066	\$22,536.79	5 yr.	1.99%	\$23,804.80 3/23/2019
Pruden Funds				
Legal Protection				
#00165	\$6,242.36	5 yr.	1.99%	\$6,593.56 3/23/2019
Maintenance				
#00385	\$2,383.89	30 mos.	2.00%	\$2,492.83 12/9/2017
	\$31,818.39		Total	\$32,891.19