

Summary 05/18/2011  
7PM  
Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange  
CRERPA Office  
455 Boston Post Road, Old Saybrook, CT

Attendees:

Gregg Mirando – Clinton Land Trust  
Frank Byrne – Clinton Land Trust  
Pat Ingellis – Old Saybrook Land Trust  
Stanford Brainerd – Lynde Point Land Trust  
Kristen Elliot Leas – Westbrook Land Conservation Trust  
Cindy Sullivan – Haddam Land Trust  
Gail Reynolds – Haddam Land Trust  
Melvin Woody – Ct River Land Trust  
Stanford Brainerd – Lynde Point Land Trust  
Wini Olson – Essex Land Trust  
Suzanne Haig – Deep River Land Trust  
John Kennedy – Deep River Land Trust  
Moureen Heidtmann – East Hampton  
Matt Elgart – Lyme Land Conservation Trust  
David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust  
Sharon Botelle – People for the Protection of Public Land  
Missy Schlag – Stop the Swap  
Rob Smith – East Haddam Land Trust  
David Brown – Middlesex Land Trust

For the May meeting the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) was visited by Atty Frederick B. Gahagan of Waller, Smith, & Palmer, P.C.. Atty Gahagan has focused his practice on working with private land owners to maintain ownership of their land and creating permanent conservation plans for their properties. His presentation focused on insurance issues of land trusts and what insurance policies can do for them. If any member land trusts would like to hear more concerning this presentation please contact Margot Burns at CRERPA.

Old and New Business:

The group is interested in learning more about the New England Forest Foundation Conservation Easement Aggregation Project and would like to have Keith back to further discuss how the program could be adapted to the needs of this region. The Deep River, Lyme, and Salem parcels are still on the list for sampling for the New England Cotton Tail Project and hopefully they will be able to get out to sample next winter. Suzanne Haig spoke about the bat conservation project with links from the LTE website to the forms and posters for the land trust to place on their own web sites. Highstead's Long Term Forest Monitoring Program could not attend this meeting but would like to come in the fall.

Eastern Ct RC&D provided funding for 2+ meeting for the next season. Discussion about the 2011 CLCC conference and centered around the business model for the Trustees of Reservations that was spoken of by Andrew Kendall at the CLCC, and of the importance of a standardized GIS based land records system (cadastral) for conservation planning purposes in Ct as well as the whole of New England. Margot asked the group to look at the existing mission statement and asked if they would like to change it in any way or if they would like to create their own mission or vision statement. Information regarding the Litchfield Hills Green Printing Collaborative was handed out for review as an example of other ways collaborative groups have formed around New England. It was asked that when Atty Gahagan returns that he focuses on the different policies touched upon in his insurance talk. John Kennedy of Deep River Land Trust presented on the land swap concerning the State of Ct owned Clark Creek Wildlife Management Area located near the Haddam Bridge in Haddam.

The next meeting of the Land Trust Exchange will be held September 21, 2011.