

Meeting Summary

The Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange

Jan. 18, 2018 / 3:00 – 4:30pm

Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments, 145 Dennison Rd., Essex, CT

The Jan. 18th, 2018 meeting of the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) agenda items included a discussion led by Sam Gold, Executive Director of the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) concerning the pending changes to the bylaws and structure of the Lower Ct River Land Trust (LCRLT) and discussion concerning the letter of intent created for the agreed upon due diligence funding proposal.

It was decided by the group that the new bylaws for the LCRLT should be sent along with a survey concerning how each land trust saw the LTE participating in the frame work of the LCRLT. They agreed to discuss it with their boards and return it in time for the January COG meeting.

The survey concerning the needs assessment for due diligence funding was returned by 6 land trusts with a total of 14 projects consisting of a 1000+ acres and. A letter was reviewed for submittal to funding organizations which had been reviewed and edited by Tom Curren, RiverCOG consultant. The funding would be for a \$100,000 due diligence 1 to 1 match grant opportunity for the land trusts that participate in the LTE. Discussion concerned whether we should ask for a larger amount.