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Scituate Conservation Commission and Scituate Land Trust

**Tuesday, January 11, 2022**

**Joint Meeting 7:00 pm**

In accordance with the guidance provided by the Governor and State and Local emergency management authorities due to the current state of emergency, **this joint meeting of the Scituate Conservation Commission and the Scituate Land Trust will be conducted solely via internet video conference with telephonic access**; there shall be no in-person gathering for this meeting. The Town has set up the following internet video conference and telephonic access capabilities for board members, staff, and public participation.

By internet at:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83188441980?pwd=ZmZNNEtpS3VQZHhsQ0JRYWl3TnBNQT09>  
  
By Phone (Toll-free) at: +1 877 853 5247 or +1 888 788 0099

Meeting ID: 831 8844 1980 Password: 553773

**AGENDA**

1. Conservation Commission (CC)/Land Trust (LT) Regular Meeting Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Welcome Guests
5. Approval of Minutes: November 9, 2021
6. Approval of 2022 Meeting Schedule
7. Grant Awards and Requests: Discussion and/or action
   1. DEM Recreational Trails Program Grant Award
      1. Wetlands sign near bridge at Lawton Farm
      2. Parking lot permitting update
   2. Congressional Appropriations Grant Request
   3. DEM Recreational Grant Application
8. Scituate Solar Ordinance: Discussion and/or action
9. Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget Discussion and/or action
10. Planning for 2021 Annual Report
11. Conservation Commission Business: Discussion and/or action
    1. Purchasing
       1. Tree Planting Project estimated cost $2,500
       2. NRICD Neighbor to Neighbor program contribution
    2. Property Monitoring
       1. Lawton Farm – Hayfield management
       2. Trail clearing update
       3. Trail counter at Westconnaug Meadows vandalized
    3. Invasive Plant Management Certification Program
    4. RI Old Growth Forest Mapping Project
    5. Election of officers for 2022
12. Land Trust Business: Discussion and/or action
    1. Purchasing: RI Land Trust Council Membership renewal $215
    2. Right of way signage at Lawton Farm
    3. American Rescue Plan Act funding proposals
    4. Election of officers for 2022
13. CC/LT Board Member comments/announcements
    1. Land and Water Summit, July 14,15,16
    2. Oak Resiliency Assessment Tool Workshop, January 19, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
14. CC/LT – Possible Motion(s) to Convene into Executive/Closed Session –
    1. The Conservation Commission and Land Trust may vote to move into Executive/Closed session pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 42-46-5 (a)(2) Potential Litigation regarding Smithville Cemetery access through Silk Lane laneway. Discussion and/or Potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session concerning potential litigation regarding Smithville Cemetery access through Silk Lane laneway.
    2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes: July 14, 2020; November 10, 2020; March 9, 2021; April 13, 2021; May 11, 2021; September 14, 2021; October 12, 2021.
15. CC/ LT – Reconvene Regular Meeting – Discussion and/or potential action, announcement and/or vote(s) from Executive Session and/or Open Session regarding:
    1. Potential litigation and/or settlement thereof regarding Smithville Cemetery access through Silk Lane laneway.
    2. Approval of Executive Session Minutes
    3. Motion to seal minutes
16. CC/LT Adjournment