

Foster Land Trust minutes
January 6, 2015

Foster Land Trust (FLT)
Eddy Building
Foster, RI 02825

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m.

In attendance: Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair; Myra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier; and Mike Carpenter. Chris Iozzi was absent.

Minutes: The minutes from the December meeting were unanimously approved with no changes. There was no executive session in December.

Old business: Our December vote to accept the Northwest Rhode Island Supporters of Open Space (NRISOS) offer of support was validated; FLT members have been able to review their constitution and bylaws and have no concerns.

Grants: From the RI DEM grant awarded last month (photos from the ceremony will be available soon), appraisal and survey work is underway for the Murray parcel.

Stewardship: There was discussion whether to appoint a wildlife manager for the properties. Dennis Therrien might be a logical choice. Walter will look into the possibility and also what other Land Trusts are doing. The land management plan for **Hayfield** is still not available; Walter has been trying to get in touch with those responsible for it and will try again, but if unsuccessful Linda will contact Rupert at RI Land Trust Council to get his assistance. This plan will be the template for other management plans that FLT will develop or update. Disaster analysis will be part of these plans as required by the town's Comprehensive Plan.

Financial: The annual report will be ready for the next meeting. Walter reports that there is currently \$116,742 in the capital account; \$43,959 in the investment (stewardship) account. The investments have gained more than \$700 in dividends since October. Dues to the RI Land Trust Council are paid.

Liaison reports: Mike reported that there is a new Town Planner – Juliana King. Sections of the updated Comprehensive Plan are available for review. There was a brief discussion of getting all of the volunteer boards and commissions together sometime soon to share information.

The Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for February 2 at 7:00 in the Eddy building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole