

# FOSTER LAND TRUST

## MINUTES

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

1. **1900** - Kristen and Myra were excused, Bill, Walter Linda and Mike were in attendance. Roy Najecki and Bob Boyden were also present for the meeting.
2. **Minutes** - were tabled until the next meeting.
3. **Speaker** – Roy Najecki was the featured speaker, bringing us up to date on support for trail improvements from the R.I. Land Trust Council. He feels that the general public does not know how to use open space. Legislators that allocate funds for open space are encouraged by volunteer work used for blazing trails and mapping with GPS utilizing low cost devices like GPS and Adobe Illustrator. Gloucester uses trail paint on trees and home made signs to further reduce cost. Maps are reproduced on the town hall copier and distributed via mailbox at the trailhead (about 1000 per year).

Websites such as ExploreRI.org and Meetup.com were identified as reliable sources of trail information. Good map practices include liability disclosures according to the R.I. Recreational use statute, trail head coordinates and a few “you are here” signs along the route.

4. **Correspondence** – Steve Mitchell, Chairman of the Gloucester Land Trust, will achieve his cooperative effort when Walter shares his established curriculum for agricultural students at Ponaganset High School.
5. **Reports/Activities** – Walter to attend the NWRI Open Space seminar on Friday, 6 Feb. Walter distributed copies of the Land Trust financial report .Walter to follow up on claim that RI Land Trust dues were not paid in March by bank statement.
6. **Grants** – 2014 open space grant needs narrative completed and bid awarded for survey..
7. **Public Relations**
8. **Future Agenda Items**
9. **Executive Session**
10. **Adjournment**