

Foster Land Trust minutes

July 5, 2016

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Eddy Building

Foster, RI 02825

Those in attendance: Myra Mercier, Vice Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier; Dennis Therrien; and Mike Carpenter. Linda Los Tibbetts was excused. The meeting got underway at 7:07 p.m.

Minutes: The June minutes passed unanimously.

Public comment: No one from the public was in attendance.

Old business: Nothing to discuss.

Stewardship: Walter reported that the driveway at **Tikkanen** has been repaired with a truckload of asphalt. Also the driveway at **Sainio** has been improved by the town at no cost – there is now room to pull in off the road and space for three cars.

Dennis reports that the pond at Dunbar is 12 feet at its deepest point; and that trout will likely be able to live there if we decide to stock it.

Financial: Walter reported that \$200 for mowing the fields at **Tikkanen or Hayfield or Dunbar** was paid. Also the cost for driveway repair at **Tikkanen** was \$451. The insurance bill has also been paid. FLT received \$3,438.38 in conveyance taxes from the town in June. The YTD figure is \$20,294.13.

Grants: The deadline is past for resolving the open item for the **Murray** property on Pierce Road; the FLT will return the grant money to DEM.

Liaison reports: There was no Conservation Commission meeting, and no Housing Board meeting. From Planning, Mike reports that two solar arrays have been approved in Foster as non-intrusive development with revenue for the town. There was some opposition to the project, but seems to have been based on misinformation. A lot of discussion about public misunderstanding of potential health impacts of “clean” technologies like solar, wind, etc.

Public relations: FLT will host a guided walk at **Hayfield** for Land Trust days on September 10. We need to know if NWRISOS will be able to lead the hike again before advertising it.

Future agenda items: Land Trust Days, property acquisition.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on August 2, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole