

## **Foster Land Trust minutes**

**August 2, 2016**

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Eddy Building

Foster, RI 02825

Those in attendance: Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair; Myra Mercier, Vice Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier; Dennis Therrien; Mike Carpenter. The meeting got underway at 7:06 p.m.

**Minutes:** The July minutes passed unanimously – Linda abstained.

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

**Old business:** Nothing to discuss.

**Stewardship:** Dennis created a depth chart for **Spencer** pond. The pond is about 9 feet at its deepest point in front of the culvert and about 5-6 feet deep toward the center.

Dennis also reports there is an issue with access again at **Hopkins** – you can drive a truck through the space next to the gate. There was discussion about how to prevent vehicle access, or possibly placing a wildlife camera at the entrance to photograph anyone who is driving in. Myra made a motion to allow Walter and Dennis to make the needed repairs at the Hopkins gate to prevent vehicle access, with Mike seconding the motion. It passed unanimously.

Dennis reports that the beaver dam at Hopkins is now very large and he will continue to monitor it.

Dennis has been in touch with Christine Dudley at DEM about defoliating at the **Grass** pond... to find out information about the vendors, chemicals they use (Aqua Roundup, copper sulfate). Copper sulfate is safer, and cheap and easy to obtain. Other products cannot be used within 100 yards of drinking water.

**Financial:** No financial update this month.

**Grants:** Linda is going to write an official letter to DEM to return the funding for the Murray property purchase.

### **Liaison reports:**

- Conservation Commission: There was a plant giveaway at Old Home Days. Also Dennis has had conversations with Ed Shadenow about the North/South trail and how to potentially get it off Johnson Road and re-route thru Borders Farm. This will have to be discussed more with the Borders Farm organization.
- Housing: No report.
- Planning Board: There are solar arrays being discussed on Theodore Foster Road and at Cucumber Hill Road & Route 6. There was general discussion about the potential for solar arrays

on FLT properties, but something like that would have to be approached with caution and fully discussed within the town.

**Public relations:** FLT will host a guided walk at **Hayfield** for Land Trust days on September 10. Volunteers from NWRISOS will lead the hike and manage publicity.

**Future agenda items:** North/South trail discussion; land use resources; FLT packet for Dennis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 6, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole