

Foster Land Trust minutes
May 12, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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. Dennis Therrien, the FLT Volunteer Wildlife and Habitat Manager, was also in attendance.

Minutes: Minutes from the February and April meetings were unanimously approved with no changes.

Old Business: The Northwest RI Supporters of Open Space group is looking for volunteer opportunities. We discussed having them clear the **Hayfield** trail; adults are preferred for this project since chainsaw work may be needed. Also at the end of June the **Spencer** property could use a clean-up to clear a better trail around the pond. Roy Najecki from the Gloucester Land Trust has already volunteered to help mark the trails at Spencer. The survey for the **Tullis/Bockoven** property is moving ahead (Scituate Surveys).

Grants: Regarding the 2014 Local Open Space Grant (Murray property), FLT submitted a \$265,000 bid (the property is appraised at \$270,000) but has not heard any response. According to the realtor, there may be another interested party. We will have to discuss a deadline for response. If we hear nothing by end of June, we may consider withdrawing our bid.

Stewardship: The gate at **Hopkins** has been destroyed. Walter dumped some concrete to block ATV access. The police are ok with this, since they can access the property thru the Providence Water Supply Board property. Walter brought some maps for Dennis Therrien for the **Hopkins, Spencer, Hayfield, Grass and Tikkanen** properties.

Public relations: For the Land Trust Days this year, we should try holding a guided walk at another property (it has been held at **Spencer** for the past few years). We could try **Hayfield**, depending on the clean-up. We'll revisit at the July meeting. Juliana King, the Town Planner, has some Bryant students who are looking for college-level projects for credit. They could do Web work, and also geology projects.

Financial: No updates to report.

Liaison reports: Myra will be meeting with the Town Planner soon (Housing Board). Mike reports that the Planning Board is reviewing amendments to zoning ordinances.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next FLT meeting will be held on June 2.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole