

Foster Land Trust Minutes

June 6, 2017

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Eddy Building

Foster, RI 02825

Meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

Those in attendance: Acting Chair: Kristen Cole, Acting Secretary: Dennis Therrien, Tom Boyden, Walter May, and Mike Carpenter.

Minutes: The minutes from May passed unanimously.

Public Comment: No public comments.

On a motion from Walter May and a second from Tom Boyden, a vote was taken to allow Archery hunting on four FLT properties beginning in the 2017/2018 hunting season. The vote was 4 for the motion and 1 against. Kristen Cole voted against the motion at this time for want of more public input before moving forward. Included hunting areas are: Grass, located at 12 Shippee Schoolhouse Road and totals 85 acres. Hopkins, located on Rams Tail Road and totals about 24 acres. Tikkannen/Martins, located on Kennedy Road and has about 52 acres. FLT Hunting Regulations approved on 5-8-17 and DEM General Deer Hunting Regulations for the Zone 2 Archery Season will be used. Applications and Report cards will be issued to persons hunting on said properties. A lottery will take place if needed. Signs will be made and posted at entrances of these properties to inform the public. Kriston will post an article in the FHJ for the July issue regarding hunting on the properties.

Stewardship:

The Hayfield property trail system is complete and ready for use by hikers/bikers. All trails have been clearly marked to safely navigate the trails. Parking is available at pole 54 on Winsor Road. Trail maps and brief descriptions of trails will be updated on Town of Foster website in the near future.

The boundary markers have been installed on the Dunbar property on Cucumber Hill Road. A trail system will be put in at some point in the future when a proper trail location has been made.

Discussion was made about the Tikkannen property in regards to moving to current gate location to the top of hill and locating it at the field on the left. It would create a parking area for 4-5 vehicles so people may better access the property. The dead pine tree would be taken down and used for border to keep vehicle off the field.

A discussion about the Grass property pond was made to clean the pond of weeds. The pond

water level would have to be lowered in order to remove weeds. This must be coordinated with the group who will clean the pond. Also discussion possibility of making a perimeter trail around the Grass Property.

The shelter at the Spencer West property is in need of repair or removal. A determination will be made in the coming weeks to decide a path forward.

Financial Report:

Walter May reported that the FLT has \$145,048.13 in the Cap Account. Also there is \$49,141.74 in the Stewardship Account.

Liaison Reports:

Planning Board: Mike Carpenter reported discussion is ongoing regarding Wind Power projects. Marijuana growing issues are also being discussed. A new solar installation is being installed on Shippy Schoolhouse Road.

Conservation Comm: No reports.

Correspondence: none.

Future Agenda items: Dennis will present Archery Hunting info to include: An Application and report card for use by hunters to apply and report hunting activity to the FLT. Information for our use to better administer the hunting program. Discuss future land use ideas that will further advance and benefit our towns people. Discuss putting up a permanent trail map at Hayfield property.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Please note: The July meeting will be held on Monday July 10, 2017, due to the July 4th holiday.

Respectfully Submitted;

Dennis Therrien

