

## FLT Sept. 5 2017 Meeting Minutes

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Foster Land Trust (FLT)  
Eddy Building  
Foster, RI

The meeting got underway at 7:03 P.M.

Those in attendance: Linda Los Tibbets, Chair; Myra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Dennis Therrien, Acting Secretary; Walter May, Treasurer; Tom Boyden, Mike Carpenter. Kristen Cole was excused.

Minutes: The minutes from August 1, 2017 passed unanimously.

Public Comment: none

Old Business: All 25 Deer Archery Hunting Permits have been issued. The archery deer season is set to open on Oct. 1 2017. "Notice to Hikers" signs will be posted at designated parking areas. The signs inform hikers that hunting is being done on the property and that 200 Sq. In. of fluorescent orange clothing is required during this time.

New Business: Discussion was made regarding the North Foster Greenway Management Plan dated June 2010. The properties include the Grass Property and the Lapolla, Sainio and Schneider properties in the Tom Woods Road area. Copies of the Management Plan were issued to FLT members for review. Discussion and comment will be made at next months meeting.

Stewardship: Grass Property: Dennis Therrien mowed a section of tall grass to the west side of the pond. The area had many pot holes making it difficult to cut. During September, Tom, Walter and Dennis will fill the pot hole with dirt so the area may be easily mowed in the future. The dam which has been open, was closed at that time to begin refilling the pond. Also at the Grass property, discussion was made regarding the use of Chemicals(maybe Copper Sulfate) to take care of the lilly pad and weed problem.

Hayfield Property: Walter May reported that Witch Hazel will begin to be harvested this fall. Also that the hay was harvested at Hayfield and Tikkanen properties. Tom Boyden reported ATV use on the hiking trails in

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Hayfield property. There is damage to the trails and surrounding trees and vegetation. An investigation is being conducted to find person or persons involved. A Request was made by Linda asking Walter May to obtain records from Keith Moffit on which types of fertilizers and chemicals are being used on the hay fields for our records.

Hopkins Property: Walter, Tom and Dennis installed a cable in an area of the parking lot where vehicles had access to the hiking trail. Also a new sign was posted regarding restrictions to vehicle use on this property.

Spencer Property: Walter May reported that the grass was mowed along the dam section of the pond.

Spencer West Property: A motion was made by Walt May, 2nd by Tom Boyden to remove the existing shelter and posts. The roof is rotted and structurally unstable. The motion was approved for removal by a 5 to 1 vote. Removal will take place during the fall/winter season. Also the hiking trails on this property need brush trimming. This will take place during the fall/winter season.

Tikkanen Property: Walter reported that the new wooden fence for the new parking has been completely painted by him.

Dunbar Property: Due to vehicle use on the dam, Walter, Tom and Dennis installed a new cable and lock to prevent future vehicle use.

Financial: none

Grants: Linda will look into Equipment Grant Money. Linda to check availability of funds from The Champlin Foundation. Also she will check on Grant limits.

Liason Reports:

Conservation Commission: none

Planing Board: Mike Carpenter is in need of Comprehensive Plan for the Dunbar and Spencer West Properties. Also Mike requested photos of FLT projects completed to help in reporting to the Planning Board.

Public Relations: FLT Days are cancelled for this year.

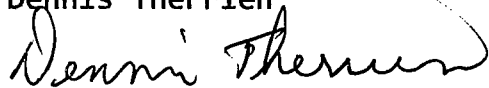
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FLT is waiting for bill from Keith Moffit for the cost of materials and labor to build fence and 2 gates on the Tikkanen Property. A donation certificate will be issued to him for tax purposes. A motion was made by Walter May, 2nd by Tom Boyden for a donation of \$250 to the South Foster Fire Station for the use of two Water Pumps used to help drain water from the Grass Pond. The motion passed unanimously. Linda mentioned that Thank You notes will be sent to the individuals who help clean the Grass pond of lilly pads and weeds on Aug. 19 2017. Discussion was made about the New Foster Web Site and how it can best be used by the FLT.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respecfully Submitted:

Dennis Therrien

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Therrien". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the printed name.