

Foster Land Trust minutes

July 7, 2015

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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.

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were unanimously approved with no changes. There was no regular June meeting. Minutes from the June 24 executive session were unanimously approved and sealed until matters under discussion have been concluded.

Old Business: Walter has spoken to Carpenter at Long Realty and will check back with him by the July 15 deadline to see if the FLT offer for the Murray property is accepted or rejected.

Stewardship: Dennis Therrien reports that the pond at **Spencer** was rising due to beaver activity. He set a trap and now the water level is back to normal. There are a couple of trees down at Spencer; one near the gate. It has been cut up and taken away. Spencer will be mowed next week. FLT will send a "thank you" to Dennis for his work. The concrete is still in place at **Hopkins**. Keith Moffat has done haying at **Tikkanen** and **Hayfield**. Haying at Tikkanen has yielded about 445 bales, and haying at Hayfield has yielded about 180 bales. The Hayfield management plan needs to be finished, and we need to include provisions for haying for future land management. **Tullis/Bockoven** (AP5 / Lot 13 & 14 / approx. 10.7 acres) is surveyed and marked; the survey will be provided to Tammy Pelletier (realtor).

Public relations: The FLT guided walk for Rhode Island Land Trust Days will be held at **Hayfield** on Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. so that we can coordinate with the Border's Farm event being held in the afternoon on the same day. Linda will get in touch with Lily from NWRISOS to see if they can help us with a work crew on Aug. 8 or 9 (or some other date before Sept. 26) to get the trail in shape.

There was a brief discussion about some Bryant students who are looking for college-level projects for credit. They could do Web work, and also geology projects. Juliana King, the Town Planner, is the contact for this. We will talk more about this next time.

Financial: The insurance bill has been paid; however Walter is still waiting for a quote for increased coverage. FLT may increase coverage next year. FLT received \$3,880 in conveyance tax revenue for June, bringing the total to \$14,226 year-to-date.

Liaison reports: Nothing new to report.

The Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m. pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next FLT meeting will be held on August 4.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole