

**Foster Land Trust minutes
November 3, 2015**

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

In attendance: Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair; Myra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier. Mike Carpenter was excused and Chris Iozzi was absent.

Dennis Therrien, FLT Volunteer Wildlife and Habitat Manager, was also present.

Minutes: Minutes from the October meeting were unanimously approved with no changes. (Motion from Walter and 2nd from Myra)

Old Business: The **Hayfield** management plan has not yet been finalized and submitted. Walter is in contact with Michael Barnes, who has purchased the **Murray** property on Pierce Road. FLT will need to submit a progress report to DEM (Michelle Sheehan) by Dec. 31 regarding the extension they granted to explore the possibility of FLT acquiring part of the Murray parcel from the new owner.

Stewardship: Dennis reports that there is a lot of raccoon activity at the **Dunbar** property, but no beavers yet. There are minks and fisher cats on the property. There is a beaver dam at **Hopkins** again; Dennis will remove it. There was discussion about the trails at **Spencer**; maybe opening them up or connecting the loop. Also talking about identifying large pines that may need to be removed.

Walter spoke with Tom Mooney at the ProJo for an article about witch hazel, and how FLT is harvesting it as part of its forest management plan, and also to contribute funding to property stewardship.

Financial: Walter reports that we have a new bank account with a more competitive rate.

Liaison reports: No updates to report.

Public relations: The Hayfield property map and the FLT property use regulations are being posted to the town web site.

Correspondence: Received a letter from the Scituate Watershed Project, asking for FLT support. There was general discussion, and FLT is not inclined to respond.

The Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next FLT meeting will be held on December 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole