

Foster Land Trust minutes

January 5, 2016

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Eddy Building

Foster, RI 02825

Meeting called to order at 7:05. Attending – Linda Tibbetts, Chair; Mike Carpenter, Myra Mercier, Walter May, Bill Fortier. Kristen Cole was excused. Also attending Dennis Therrien, Wildlife Mgr., and Eric Rotondo, Ag dept. at Ponagansett. Members of the public: Tom Boyden and Roy Najecki.

Public Comment – Eric outlined his credentials at Ponagansett and discussed specifics of Hayfield property and needs that the Ag students might help with: Priority community service projects, nature trails on Hayfield. Next priority for Hayfield is forest management plan. Roy told us about a tracks advisory group.

Stewardship – Roy working on trail maps. We have a grant for trail maps. Dennis working on Dunbar at Cucumber Hill Road, clearing, putting in posts and signs. Need gravel for parking. Sainio needs work out to Tom Woods Road Rocks need to be moved.

Dennis reports some beavers were removed from Spencer but folks will be able to see some in Spring and Fall. No wildlife problem at Dunbar. Bobcat tracks have been seen at Grass. Few ATV problems found lately.

Approval was noted for a one-year extension for the grant originally approved for the Murray property on which we lost the bid. However, Walter will be in touch with the new owners regarding their plans for subdivision or open space. Extension runs to 12/31/16.

Some discussion was held as to a request re: conservation easement extension by RIFCO on the Merriman property. A meeting will be set up with Mark Tremblay, the Merrimans, Julianna King (Town Planner) and any FLT members who can attend to answer questions.

Next meeting February 2. Adjournment t 8:45.

Submitted by Myra K. Mercier, Secretary sub.