

Foster Land Trust Minutes July 17, 2018

Old Town House, Howard Hill Road
Foster, R.I. 02825

Call to Order: The FLT meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Chair, Linda Los Tibbetts; Vice-Chair, Myra Mercier; Treasurer, Walter May; Acting Secretary, Lawrence Chapman; Dennis Therrien.

Tom Boyden, Mike Carpenter and Kristen Cole were excused.

Also present: Robert Thurber; Mark McKee; April Kinder

Minutes:

The minutes for June 5, 2018 were approved unanimously.

Public comment:

None to report

Correspondence:

(a) Mark McKee and April Kinder approached the FLT with a proposal to make improvements and maintain an existing forest road that runs from the back of their property at Plot 13/Lot 63 to the Tom Woods Preserve section of the N/S Trail through FLT property. Discussion was held regarding the filling in of rutted sections and methods of controlling seasonal drainage. The risks of ATV use, unwanted foot traffic, need for signage and possible N/S Trail passage were also discussed. Plans for an inspection tour by FLT at a future date were made.

(b) Ms Tibbetts reported that Greg Cassidy at DEM advised a new grant proposal for the Forest Legacy project is being put together. Property owners abutting the Scituate Reservoir should submit applications soon.

(c) Bob Thurber from Jerimoth Hill Forestry discussed the need for a forest management plan.

Stewardship:

- Ms. Tibbetts reports that URI will be adding bobcat cameras at several FLT locations.
- **Spencer** - Ponagansett and Pot Luck Trails were cleared of brush.
- **Hayfield** - a new trail was flagged. A bridge at Hayfield and a new trail through the boulder field are being considered.
- **Deer Population Management** - Hayfield has been added to the list for bow hunting of deer. Applications for deer hunting will be made available at Foster Old Home Days (FOHD).
- Large trees downed on the DEM access trail from E. Killingly Rd to Spencer property have been cleared.

Reports:

- **Financial:** Mr. May reports three outstanding invoices need to be cleared: Scituate Lumber-\$49.05 /R.I. Interlocal Trust: \$2250.00 / David Hopkins for mowing-\$200.00
- **Grants:** Crew in Your Community (Youth Conservation League) grant to be used on August 7, 2018 at Spencer West. Work projects include:
 - Demolition of and removal of debris from existing structure.
 - Installation of signage
 - Trail clearing and removal of invasives
 - Work on footbridge

Liaison Reports:

- **Conservation Commission:**

Mr. Therrien reported that all preparations for the booth at FOHD have been completed.

Motion to adjourn:

- * Made by Mr. May with a second by Mr. Therrien
- * The meeting ended at 8:45pm
- * The next meeting will be held August 7, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Chapman