

## **Foster Land Trust Minutes**

**September 4, 2018**

**Benjamin Eddy Building Foster, R.I. 02825**

The FLT meeting began at 7:05 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. Kristen Cole was excused.

### **Minutes:**

The minutes for August 7, 2018 were approved unanimously.

### **Public comment:**

None to report

### **Correspondence:**

(a) Suggestions on the subject of the Rhode Island Land Trust 20th Year Celebration were requested.

(b) Linda Tibbetts reports that Mark McKee has been notified regarding the denial of his trail extension. Mr. McKee responded that he would continue to be of assistance to the FLT in the future.

### **Stewardship:**

- Mr. Therrien reports that the new FLT signage has been installed at all trail heads except the Tom Woods Preserve.
- Beekeeping shall remain an approved use of FLT properties.
- Mr. Therrien and Mr. Boyden report that an adjacent property owner at the Dunbar property is maintaining an ATV trail access to FLT property. A canoe is also being kept on the pond shore on FLT land. Mr. May will be giving official notice to the property owner to address these issues.
- Mr. Therrien presented the new Bow Hunting permits for the 2018-19 season.
- Mr. Therrien suggested that the Sainio/Lepaoja property be cleared of shrubs and trees near the existing buildings to facilitate demolition. This should be undertaken after demolition is scheduled.
- Plans were made for Mr. May, Therrien, Boyden and Chapman to walk the Newsome property on E. Killingly Rd. to establish an overview in regard to logging and forest management. A meeting is also planned for that time with Tom Wright to establish his qualifications and equipment suitability to FLT forest management goals.

## **Reports:**

### **Financial:**

- Mr. May reports that the Tullus/Bockoven property survey has been completed.
- Mr. May reports a \$5,000.00 bond has been purchased from Hennien+Walsh for \$4,606.21 at a rate of 4.125%
- Mr. May reports that all outstanding invoices have been paid. Accounts with Crew in Your Community have also been settled.

### **Grants:**

- Forest management plans are ongoing.

### **Liaison:**

#### **Conservation Commission:**

None to report.

#### **Planning Board:**

None to report.

### **Public Relations:**

- Linda Tibbetts reports that she will conduct a nature hike with Martha Thoman for Land Trust Days (Sun. Sept. 16) at Spencer West. Plans were made for Mr. Therrien and Mr. Boyden to clear the trails and mow the pond side prior to the walk.
- The winner of the name the trail at the Tikkanen property contest was Berry View. The trail on the Hopkins property is to be named Rams Tail trail.

### **Future agenda items:**

- Mr. May proposed a motion that he draw up a forest management plan for the Newsome and Spencer West properties. Myra Mercier seconded. Linda Tibbetts proposed an amendment providing for an approval by the board via email prior to the plans execution. Amended motion was voted on and passed unanimously.
- Next meeting to be October 2

### **Motion to adjourn:**

Made by Mr. May with a second by Myra Mercier The  
meeting ended at 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman

