

# Foster Land Trust Minutes

## January 5, 2021

(Virtual access by Zoom)

### Members in attendance:

Chair, Linda Los Tibbetts, Vice-Chair, Myra Mercier, Treasurer, Dennis Therrien, Secretary, Lawrence Chapman, Tom Boyden, Mike Carpenter and Zach Bain.

### Meeting opened at:

- 7:10 pm

### Minutes:

- Ms Tibbetts moved to accept the December 1st Minutes, Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed.

### Public Comments:

- None to report.

### Old Business:

- Michelle Sheehan (DEM) informs the Board that the Trail Advisory Board is interested in the trail connector but request that hunting be allowed on both FLT properties. The Board will propose moving a section of the proposed trail to follow the Ponaganset River to facilitate fishing access instead of hunting on the Spencer property.
- Timber harvesting at the Newsome property without DEM oversight may proceed with an extended start date and an open finish due to weather factors.
- Work on the FLT portion of the N/S trail is ongoing weather permitting.

### New Business:

- The Board will provide the RI Land Trust Council with contact information, property list and other pertinent information to assist the project. Zach Bain has been appointed point person. GPS data to be accessed from the Town of Foster.
- Mr Boyden will be keeping a maintenance log for all FLT equipment.

### Correspondence:

- Mr Boyden and Mr Therrien: the Hayfield property at Mr Hartley's property line and found the deer stand and hunting gear had been removed though the debris and table had not been. The Board will send a follow up letter to request these items be removed and offer to inspect the property line with Mr Hartley.
- Mr Gaudiavia has removed his deer stand from the Hayfield property line and Mr Boyden and Mr. Therrien will rework the property line markers to improve clarity.
- Ms Shreya Kaipas request to include FLT in a public data base to link open space groups in SE New England was discussed. Ms Mercier moved that the FLT Board would complete a survey questionnaire toward this end. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

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#### Reports:

- Financial:
  1. Mr May delivered the end of the year financial report.
  2. Zoom reimbursement requests were turned in to Mr Therrien.
  3. Nothing to report on Conveyance tax.
  4. Investment forms on hold.
  5. Received confirmation of coverage on tractor.
  6. Nothing to report on the Capital Budget.
- Grants:
  - a. Bids on appraisal of Rotundo Farm were sent out to three companies.
  - b. Mr Carpenter moved that the Board apply for the DEM Trails Grant. Ms Mercier 2nd and the motion passed.
  - c. Ms Tibbetts and Mr Chapman will handle the DEM Trails Grant process.
- Liaison reports:
  - Conservation Commission:
    1. None to report.
  - Planning Board:
    1. None to report.

#### Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Boyden and Mr Therrien proposed hiring an arborist to remove trees and overhanging branches at the Hayfield and Spencer parking areas. Mr. Boyden moved to seek job quotes and/or hourly rates to do this work and to proceed with the best offer obtained. Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed.

#### Public Relations:

- None to report.

#### Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- February 2, 2021

#### Adjournment of public meeting:

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:45

#### Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman