

Foster Land Trust Minutes

May 4, 2021

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
(Virtual access by Zoom)

Members in attendance:

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

Meeting opened at:

7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr Boyden moved to accept the April 6th minutes.

Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- Mr Boyden moved to advance Mr Tourtellotte's presentation from Old Business to Public Comments. Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed.
- Mr Tourtellotte reports that the perimeter trail at Tom Woods is flagged. Trail length is approx. 3 miles with two wet areas about 20-30 ft long. The crew from the NEMBA will cut a trail 2ft wide to accommodate equestrians.
- Mr Boyden moved the FLT provide matching funds of up to \$500.00 for bridging wet areas, establishing trails and purchasing materials. NEMBA would provide insurance and tools for their crew. Mr Chapman 2nd and the motion passed.

Old Business:

- Nothing to report on Specialty Crop Orchard.
- Handled in public comments.
- Mr Bain reports that he has tested the ArcGIS field app and found it useful. A meeting in the field with all available Board members is to be arranged for the week of May 10th.
- Mr Carpenter moved to accept the Foster Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices, 2017. Mr Chapman 2nd and the motion passed.

New Business:

- Mr Carpenter moved to retain the slate. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Results of the Election of officers for the Foster Land Trust:
 - Chair, Linda Los Tibbetts;
 - Vice Chair, Myra Mercier;
 - Treasurer, Dennis Therrien;
 - Secretary, Lawrence Chapman;
 - Liaison to Planning Board, Michael Carpenter;
 - Liaison to Conservation Commission, Dennis Therrien.

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- Simmons Crossing removed from agenda.

Correspondence:

None to report.

Reports:

Financial:

Zoom and supply reimbursements were turned in.

Grants:

The FLT will share the appraisal report with the Rotondo Farm. The Federal paperwork has been signed.

Liaison reports:

Conservation Commission:

Mr Therrien reports that the Earth Day cleanup was successful.

Planning Board:

Mr Carpenter reports that the Blight on RT6 was discussed. Ms Los Tibbetts reports that training workshops are available to Board members.

Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Therrien reports he has cleared fallen trees and branches from the perimeter of the large field at Hayfield Property, a small amount of work remains to be done. He also reports beaver activity at Maurie Dunbar and suggests monitoring till June. He also has plans to contact Zoning and DPW regarding the parking area for the N/S Trail at A. Killingly.
- Mr Boyden worked with the N/S Trail crew on the Borders Farm to S Killingly Rd section. Establishment of trail and some bridging of wet areas was accomplished. Mr Boyden and
- Mr Therrien worked with Mr Tourtellot on further layout of the bike trail in Tom Woods Preserve.
- Mr Chapman reports clearing a fallen tree at Spencer West. He also reports that the Witch Hazel harvest at Spencer has ended and that the work was accomplished within the agreed parameters. The tree harvesting at the Newsome property has yet to begin though the staging area has been established. The delay has been approved by the Board as due to weather conditions.
- Mr Carpenter reports that the management plans for Tikkanen, Grass, Sanio-Lapoja
- And Martins should be ready in June.

Public Relations:

- Ms Los Tibbetts and Mr Chapman will manage the Nature Character Sculpture Project.

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Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

June 1, 2021

●**No Executive session was held.**

Adjournment of public meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman