

Foster Land Trust Minutes

October 5, 2021

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster R. I.
(Virtual access by Zoom)

Members in attendance:

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

Meeting opened:

7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

Ms Mercier moved to accept the Sept. 7th Minutes. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

None to Report

Correspondence:

An email was received from URI regarding the winter fisher study.
Al Point emailed that a sign stating hikers only is to be installed at North Rd.

Old Business:

- After receiving a response from Mr Bouchard regarding the Rotondo property that only a change in acreage would justify changes to appraisal, Mr Chapman moved to withdraw the motion to refuse. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

New Business:

- Mr Carpenter moved to apply for the RIDEM Open Space Grant. The motion was 2nd by Mr Boyden and was passed. Ms Tibbetts and Mr Chapman will act on this matter.
- Dave Terrell requested to harvest Witch Hazel on the Spencer West and Tom Woods properties. Mr Chapman moved to deny this request and Mr Boyden 2nd. The motion passed.
- The Nature Conservancy property deeds on Windsor rd properties have been registered.

Reports:

- Financial:
 - Treasurers' reports have been given through August.
- Grants:
 - Mr Carpenter presented the Board with the RFQs for sites 1-2-3.
- Liaison reports:
 - Conservation Commission:
None to report.
 - Planning Board:
None to report.

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Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Chapman reports on the Spencer property that numerous fallen trees and branches have been cleared. A large fallen pine has been de-limbed and needs further work.
- Ongoing widening of the river trail has reached the house foundation. At the Hopkins property a fallen tree has been cleared.
- Mr Boyden and Mr Therrien report an illegal deer stand at Hopkins has been sorted out and is now legitimate.
- Also at the Tikkanen property, a permitted deer hunter removed fencing, drove a truck onto FLT property, and installed a deer stand. Mr Therrien confronted the individual and revoked his permit. A police officer assisted in the removal of the deer stand. The fence has been repaired. Six other unlabeled deer stands were located, and Mr Therrien plans on contacting all hunters to label their stands.
- Mr Therrien and Mr Boyden report that the meadow at Hayfield has been mowed and perimeter brush has been cleared. The gate at the Hayfield is scheduled to be moved.
- Beaver fencing at Dunbar has been installed.

Public Relations:

- None to report.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- November 2nd

Adjournment of public meeting:

9:50 pm

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence Chapman