

Foster Land Trust Minutes 08. 08. 2023

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road

Foster R. I.

Members in attendance:

Chairperson, Linda Los Tibbetts; Vice Chairperson, Zach Bain; Treasurer, Dennis Therrien; Secretary, Lawrence Chapman; Tom Boyden and Mike Carpenter,

Meeting opened at:

- 7:10 pm

Minutes:

- Mr Carpenter moved to accept the minutes with corrections. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

July 11 Executive report:

- No votes taken.

Public Comments:

- None to report.

New Business:

- There has been no response from DEM regarding the Tucker property.

Old Business:

- None to report.

Correspondence:

- None to report.

Reports:

- Financial:
 - The June report was submitted
- Grants:
 - Mr Therrian moved to pay DiCenzo Inc \$67,000.00 for work completed on parking areas and trail improvements. Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Liaison reports:
 - Conservation Commission:
 - None to report.
 - Planning Board:
 - None to report.

Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Boyden moved to reimburse Mr Therrien for a required trapping test. Mr Chapman 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Approval from DEM to resume regular maintenance has been received.
- Shoreline brush is being cleared at Dunbar dam and the overflow grate has been cleared.
- Beaver activity has been reported at Spencer and Hayfield properties.
- The final section of the walkway at Tom Woods is near completion.
- Mr Boyden moved to provide additional 2x6s for the completion of the walkway at Tom Woods.
- Mr Boyden moved to allow Michelle Grald to maintain a mowed passage for equestrians on the west edge of the hayfield at Hayfield. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Michelle Grald volunteered to mow the horse trailer parking area at Hayfield.
- Mr Carpenter proposed adding Equestrian trail signs, hiker warning signs and parking signs where appropriate.

Public Relations:

- None to report.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- Sept. 5 / Memorial bench for Myra Mercier. Wildlife management.

Executive session:

- Mr Carpenter moved to convene into executive closed session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-4 for the purpose identified in Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) dam #526 maintenance/necessary repairs/litigation and 42-46-5(a)(5) acquisition of real property for public purposes. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr Boyden moved to reconvene in open session, announce any votes taken and to seal the minutes of this executive closed session and to keep the minutes of all prior executive closed sessions sealed. Ms Tibbetts 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment of public meeting:

- 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Chapman