

# **Foster Land Trust Minutes**

**January 2, 2024**

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road

Members in attendance:

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

Meeting opened at:

- 7:20pm

Minutes:

- Mr Carpenter moved to accept the December 5<sup>th</sup> Minutes. Mr Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr Carpenter moved to accept the December 5<sup>th</sup> Executive Session Minutes. Mr Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

- None to report.

New Business:

- Ms Tibbetts will distribute a draft proposed budget to the Board members before the February meeting.

Old Business:

- None to report.

Correspondence:

- An article about the Spencer Property written by John Kostrzewa will appear in the Providence Journal.
- RILTC sent a request for information regarding Social Media.
- RILTC sent a request for annual membership dues.
- The Trust sent notice of the deadline for Safety Grants. Mr Therrien moved to apply for a Safety Grant. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

- Financial:
  - Ms Tibbetts submitted Zoom reimbursements.
  - The Oct and Nov. financial reports were presented.
- Grants:
  - Discussion was held regarding kiosks at trail heads.
- Liaison reports:
  - Conservation Commission:
    - None to report.
  - Planning Board:
    - None to report.

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Stewardship-All properties:

- At Spencer fallen trees were cleared and the spillway grate was cleared of debris.
- At Dunbar leaves were cleared from the parking area and brush and small trees were cleared along the spillway.
- Mr Therrien made repeated visits to monitor flooding conditions at Dunbar dam.
- Mr Boyden moved to accept Pinetop LLC's proposal for major clearing at the Dunbar dam. Mr Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.
- Plans were made to meet with the Town Planner in regards to updating the Emergency Action Plan for Dunbar dam.
- Plans were discussed regarding additional screening at the Dunbar dam outflow grate.
- Plans were made to move the FLT Property sign on Paine Rd to the Parking area.
- Plans for the Myra Mercier memorial bench were discussed.

Public Relations:

- Ms Smith proposed establishing a FLT volunteers list.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- Feb 6, 2024
- Safety guidelines for field work on FLT properties.

Call for Executive Session:

- Ms Smith moved to close the open meeting. Mr Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.
- Ms Smith moved to convene into Executive Closed Session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(5) acquisition of real property for public purposes and 42-46-5(a)(2) dam #526 maintenance/necessary repairs/litigation. Mr Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed unanimously.

Return to Open Meeting: at 9:55 pm

Announcement of Executive Session votes of 1/2/2024:

- The Board voted unanimously to recommend that the existing non-functioning Low Level Outlet Pipe at Dam #526 be replaced with a new Low Level Outlet pipe independent of existing equipment. Executive Minutes remain sealed.

Adjournment of public meeting:

- 10:00pm

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman