



FOSTER LAND TRUST
Minutes – April 3, 2007
Benjamin Eddy Building, Foster, RI

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

B. Roll Call

Members present were Linda Tibbetts, Chair; Walter May, Myra Mercier and Karen Mueller. Don Manley resigned. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner was in attendance.

C. Minutes

Motion made by Myra Mercier and seconded by Walter May to accept the Foster Land Trust minutes of March 3, 2007, as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion made by Myra Mercier and seconded by Walter May to move agenda item #3 to the top of the agenda. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Troop 101

Scout Leader Mr. Raymond Lawrence and Troop 101 reported on the community service/overnight event at the Spencer Property on March 24th and 25th 2007. Because of the snowstorm, raking the main trail could only be partially completed. A downed tree across the main entrance was removed; the entrance sign was angled for better viewing; and some olive trees along the path by the pond were removed to allow a better view and fishing access. Twenty-two scouts and four adults took part in the event. Poison ivy was an issue.

Karen Mueller reminded the Troop that poison ivy should be neither weed-whacked nor burned. Linda Tibbetts recommended using a product such as Tech-Nu whenever contact with poison ivy was a possibility. Walter May suggested that the removal of the invasive species of Olive bush and restoration planting could be an Eagle Scout project. Ms Mueller suggested calling Roger Williams Zoo to see if they have a need for olive bushes as feed.

E. Election of Officers:

Slate of officers was discussed, nominations: Chair, Linda Tibbetts; Vice Chair, Myra Mercier; Treasurer, Walter May; Secretary, rotating through members when volunteer acting secretary Cindy Bernard is not available.

Myra Mercier motioned to accept the slate which was seconded by Karen Mueller. Motion approved unanimously.

F. Public Relations / Web Site:

The resignation of Don Manley creates a delay in setting up a web page. Ann-Marie Ignasher, Town Planner, suggested using the town's web site to post jpeg photos to showcase Land Trust properties.

G. Land & Water Summit

Myra Mercier reported on Affordable Housing Workshops. Linda Tibbetts reported on Stewardship workshops. Karen Mueller reported on Public Relations workshop, including a suggestion that events and celebrations are more impressive than simple press releases.

H. Financial Activities

Walter May, Treasurer, and Linda Tibbetts met with Town Treasurer, Randy Rossi, on March 20th. Some of the financial concerns have been addressed, but a complete report is not yet available. Stewardship funding can be invested once all records are up-to-date. Mr. May will request a quarterly financial statement.

I. Property Activities:

None.

J. 2006-2007 Open Space Grant Award

Linda Tibbetts accepted the 2007 Open Space Grant Award for pursuing acquisition of 24 acres bordering the Dolly Cole Brook and located at the confluence of the Dolly Cole Brook and the Ponagansett River. The \$105,000 Grant Award is a matching grant.

K. Correspondence

None.

L. Meeting dates:

Next meeting for the FLT will be held May 1, 2007.

M. Executive Session:

Pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5) re: acquisitions

N. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Los Tibbetts