

Minutes
Foster Land Trust
January 5, 2010

Attendance: Present were Linda Tibbetts-Chair, Myra Mercier-Vicechair, Walter May-Treasurer, Bill Fortier, and John Neale. Kristen Cole and Chris Iozzi were excused. Dorothy Billington was present as a guest.

Minutes: The minutes of both sessions of the Foster Land Trust held 12/1/2009 were accepted as presented. Motion by W. May, second by M. Mercier. Vote of 5 - 0.

Stewardship: Discussion started with acceptance of Kristen Cole's email forward concerning ATVs and especially their use on the Tillis-Bockoven property. General consensus was to acknowledge this problem going forward. It appears that trail use by ATVs is both by locals and imports. This was noted by D. Billington as her observation concerning properties on Shippee School House Road and Tom Woods Road. It was noted that the Town Council is aware of the situation and the police are seizing and fining users if DEM permits are not presented. Brian Wolfinton will be upgrading the Northern Consortium maps regarding the Hopkins property. The cellar hole was filled in on the Tikannen property before the big rains. There may be some settling over the winter and subsequent thaw. Walter spoke with Paul Cunniff of Mousup Valley Fire and they have scheduled a spring burn for the building there. The survey is complete on the Grass property. We will highlight parking after physical inspection and review our options. The back lot line of the subdivision is OK. The Town Planner will assist with processing the subdivision application. The Planning Board will hopefully expedite this matter.

Financial: Walter stated that he has heard nothing new from the Town on finances. August was the last deposit. The last statement he received on Nov. 9 was the same as before. This means September, October, November, and December conveyance monies have not been deposited to our account. We are awaiting notation/ documentation for DEM reimbursement for the Hopkins property closing costs. This should mean two deposits to our Stewardship account. The Board wants this issue reflected in the minutes as well as the Chair's quarterly report. There is an insurance seminar presented by the Inter-Local Trust on Jan. 23, 2010. No one present was interested in attending. Walter put in a small grant request to the Inter-Local Trust for personal safety equipment.

Public Relations : The Board talked about articles in the Foster Home Journal. Motion was made by M. Mercier, seconded by J. Neale, to submit a copy of the latest article for our web page on the Town's site. Vote was 5-0.

Liaison's Reports: John talked about two upcoming major subdivisions. These are ongoing situations with no action necessary. Myra talked about the Housing Board. A "Catch - 22" exists where a feasibility study request for Hemlock Village is going back and forth. Zoning to Housing, etc. It is now being submitted as urgent for NRI grant.

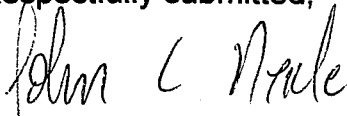
Next Foster Land Trust meeting is scheduled for Feb. 2, 2010 at 7:00 PM.

Future Agenda items : Master Plan for the Foster Land Trust and our five year plan update. Also a new management plan for the Grass property. We may have DEM look at the dry gulley for continued use by the Town for clean fill / ditch material. D. Billington suggested contacting or utilizing the RI Federation of Riding Clubs for cutting equestrian trails.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM

The Board then spent time on a Trails Workshop.

Respectfully submitted,



John C. Neale