

## Foster Land Trust Minutes for August 1, 2017

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Foster Land Trust (FLT)  
Eddy Building  
Foster, RI 02825

The meeting got under way at 7:12 P.M.

Those in attendance: Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair; Myra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Dennis Therrien; and Tom Boyden. Mike Carpenter and Kristen Cole were excused.

Minutes: The minutes from July passed, Linda Los Tibbetts recused herself.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Old Business: Bow Hunting: The Archery Deer Hunting dates on the designated FLT properties will be from October 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018. This corresponds with the DEM open season hunting dates for Zone 2. Hunters will contact Dennis, Walter, or Tom to fill out an Application. A Dashboard display card with a permit number will be issued to the hunter. An information packet will be issued to each hunter that includes: FLT hunting rules and regulations, A hunting report card to be returned at end of hunting season, FLT properties open to Archery hunting and maps of the three areas open to hunting. Regarding the FLT Archery Hunting Permit, Walter May made a motion, seconded by Dennis Therrien to apply a Town of Foster seal on the Application forms. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business: Discussion was made on the purchase of a GPS unit for use by the Land Trust to better locate trails and points of interest on all FLT properties. A motion was made by Walter May and 2nd by Myra Mercier to purchase a new GPS unit for estimated cost of \$500.

In the interest of opening the FLT properties to more public land use, a discussion was made on the possibility of allowing Bee Keeping on FLT properties. Tom Boyden suggested that we invite representatives from the RI Bee Keeper's Association to view areas of FLT properties that may be suitable for Bee Keeping Operations. Also contact local Bee keepers for this interest. Discussion was also made on Mushrooming opportunities on FLT properties. Possibilities of a knowledgeable Mushroomer to educate the public through onsite classes.

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**Stewardship:** Walter May reported that the lower gate was removed from the road entrance to the Tikkanen/Martins property and moved to the top of the driveway. The logs that were placed to form a parking area at the top were removed by Keith Moffit and a new fence with posts and cross beams was erected. Two gates were installed, one leading into the field, the other at the road/trail heading East into the property. The materials included 2 Gates, one 14' the other 16'. The fence which is 150.6' long, includes large pole posts and 2" x 8" oak rails. A motion was made by Walter May seconded by Tom Boyden to Thank Keith Moffit for his work and materials supplied, and issue a donation slip for an unspecified amount to be determined at a later date, for his tax purposes.

The Grass property pond is to be cleared of Lily Pads and weeds on August 19, 2017. A group of volunteers and FLT members is being assembled for this work. The pond water level will be lowered for this purpose.

A new parking area was installed at the Spencer West property. An area on the same side as the property, approximately 100' from the gate was cleared of brush and leveled to park at least 5 vehicles.

**Financial:** An account was opened at Scituate Hardware for use by FLT members to purchase materials needed for Stewardship projects and work related necessities. Billing will be made monthly.

An Amount of \$200 was paid for the mowing of the dam area at the Dunbar property.

A Real Estate agent, Joe Cardillo, was contacted concerning the possible sale a 10 acre lot, on a Right of Way off Walker Road.

**Grants:** Linda Los Tibbets reported that DEM has grant money available for Open Space land.

**Leason Reports:** Conservation Commision - none  
Housing Report- none  
Planning Board - none

**Public Relations:** Lily Feinstein from the North West RI Supporter of Open Space attended the meeting. She and a group of volunteers would like to help clean the Grass Property Pond of Lily Pads and Weeds. The work will take place on August 19, 2017 from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.

**Future Agenda Items:** September is FLT days. A trail hike will be planed for one of the FLT properties. A date for this will be set up and made available

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to the public at the next meeting. An article will be written in the FHJ.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

The next FLT meeting will be on September 5, 2017 @ 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Therrien

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis Therrien".