

LAND TRUST MINUTES
B. Eddy Building, Foster, RI 02825
January 2, 2018

The meeting got underway at 7:05 p.m.

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

Minutes: The minutes from December passed unanimously with two corrections.

Public Comment: No members of the public in attendance.

New Business:

- Linda brought in the new Garmin GPS device with instructions. Dennis and Tom will get acquainted with using it. We can also ask Ray Najecki for assistance if needed.
- Linda also mentioned a new open meetings law, which levies a \$500 fine for posting meeting minutes late. A late posting is considered to be more than 35 days from the date the meeting was held. This will give very little time to have the minutes approved and posted for groups that meet monthly.
- Dennis mentioned the DEM tree program, where they are offering free seedlings. Generally this is a homeowner program, or something that the Conservation Commission can use to offer seedlings to the public.
- Linda tried to contact Ricky Clark, who is interested in working with FLT on an Eagle Scout project. There is a possibility of working on signage for Spencer West; brush clearing at various properties; or cutting up fallen trees to donate the wood to the foster Department of Human Services. Any of these options will likely happen in the spring so Linda will try to keep in touch with Ricky.

Stewardship: Dennis reported bobcat activity at Hopkins. Walter reports no witch hazel activity yet at Hayfield.

Financial: Walter reports that the purchase of the GPS device with batteries and accessories was about \$350. Land Trust council dues are \$125. The FLT annual report to the Town Council is due by the end of February.

Grants: Nothing new to report.

Liaison Reports: Nothing new to report.

Public relations: There was a discussion about conventions for collectively naming the LaPolla, Sainio, Schneider and DelVecchio properties. These properties should be always referenced as “Tom Woods Preserve”. This description has been used in documentation for grants, management plans, property use regulations, etc., and should remain consistent on maps, in articles, and for Web site references.

Dennis and Tom are revising the current property use regulations, and will add references to “no firearms allowed” on the properties. Updated regulations will be forwarded to the FLT board for review and approval before posting.

Correspondence: Linda reports there are Webinars available from the Land Trust Alliance. Check the site for topics.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kristen Cole, Secretary
Foster Land Trust