

FOSTER LAND TRUST MINUTES

FEBRUARY 6, 2018

BENJAMIN EDDY BUILDING, FOSTER, RI 02825

The meeting got underway at 7:08 p.m.

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

MINUTES: The minutes for January were passed unanimously with 2 corrections.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dennis reported receiving some Deer Hunting Report Cards from hunters who participated in the Archery Deer Hunt on designated FLT properties. About 1/3 of the report cards have been received. Dennis, Tom and Walter will call hunters who have not yet returned them. Also, an article will be published in the March 2018 edition of the *Foster Home Journal* as a reminder to return completed cards.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dennis reported he is learning how to use the new GPS unit. Will begin using the unit on future hikes and mapping on our properties.

Discussion was made on a possible kids Fishing Derby on the Dunbar Pond in May or June of this year. A list of important factors for this activity would include: Permits, Rules, Medical EMT, No Boats allowed, kids ages, and tick spraying before event could happen. Event would be held on a Sat. or Sun. morning from about 9 a.m. till noon. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Discussion was made about having a booth or table set-up at Foster Old Home Days event. General information about FLT activities, trails, maps etc. could be posted there for more FLT exposure to the community.

Tom Boyden commented about possibly renting Heavy Equipment rather than buying equipment we need to do projects on FLT Properties. Dennis added a new possible land use for FLT properties: Maple Sugaring.

Walter May spoke with Michelle Sheehan from DEM regarding trails that would connect the Spencer Property to the Hayfield Property. The trail would pass through the DEM property to make this connection. A bridge would have to be built over the Ponagansett River to achieve this trail.

Trail work is ongoing on the path around the Spencer Pond. The trail has been blazed. Dead falls and brush will be cleared in the next month by Tom, Walter, and Dennis. Discussion was made on changing the trail name.

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A motion was made by Tom Boyden, seconded by Walter May to change the trail name from Eagle Loop Trail to Pot Luck Trail. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

- Financial: Walter May met with the Foster Town Treasure to establish levels of FLT accounts. Also, a Bond came due and was reinvested as required by FLT rules.
- Conservation Commission: None
- Housing Board: None
- Planning Board: The RI State Government would like to see more Alternative Energy Use in RI by 2020. Increase in Alternative Energy uses would include Off Shore Wind Power, Solar Panels, and Hydro Electric Power.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Spencer Trail connection project updates
- The Pot Luck Trail update.
- GPS unit operation update.
- Hunter Report card updates.
- Discussion of the possibility of having a Kids Fishing Derby this year on the Dunbar Property Pond.

The meeting adjourned at 8.25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Therrien