

FOSTER LAND TRUST MINUTES FOR MARCH 6, 2018

Foster Land Trust

B. Eddy Building, Foster, RI 02825

The meeting got underway at 7:08 PM

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

Minutes: The minutes for Feb. 6, 2018 passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. May, 2nd by Myra Mercier to correct the Nov. 7, 2017 minutes. The change is for the meeting date which was held on Nov. 14, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: Neal Walsh of Paine Road attended the meeting. He is interested in volunteering his help where needed.

New Business: Election of Officers: Discussion was made regarding FLT elections. It was tabled until the next meeting when all FLT members are present. Discussion was made regarding attendance to the Land & Water Summit.

Discussion was made about the possibility of the FLT setting up a booth at the Foster Old Home Days this July 2018. Discussion will continue at the next meeting. Ms. Tibbetts reported The Nature Conservancy was considering the donation of 2 parcels of land to the FLT. The property is located on Winsor Road. One lot borders FLT Spencer property. Discussion will continue at the next meeting when more info will be available.

Old Business: Discussion was made about having a children's Fishing Derby on Gorham Farm Pond (Maurie Dunbar Property). It may be too late to plan one for this year. Maple Sugaring was added to land use list. GPS education and use is in progress. Most Archery Report Cards have been returned. A review of the information will take place at the next meeting. Discussion will take place in the coming months to continue and/or expand the Archery Hunting Program for next year. We are still waiting for a response from the RI bee Keepers Association about any interest in setting up bee hives on FLT land.

Stewardship: A new trail named The Pot Luck Trail was added to the Spencer Property. It is a short trail around the Spencer pond. Dennis and Tom removed downed trees across trails at the Spencer West and Hayfield Properties. Tom and Dennis also hiked a possible route that will connect the Ponagansett River Trail to the Hayfield Property Trail System. The route will pass through a portion of DEM property and will have to be OK'd by them before work can commence. This route had been included in a Land Trust Days hike led by Roy Najecki several years ago.

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The following motion was made by Mr. May, 2nd by Mr. Carpenter, that Hunter Blackmar, a resident of Cucumber Hill Road and owner of the northern section of the Gorham Farm Pond: Foster Land Trust agrees that Mr. Blackmar has the right to put in place a line of white jugs across the water to separate our 2 properties. The line of jugs would be placed on the property line across the pond thereby marking the property line between the FLT property and his property visible. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 1 to allow a line of jugs to be put in place as a No Trespassing Beyond This Point boundary marker. Mr. Therrien opposed the motion.

Financial: The FLT Operational Budget for the 2018-2019 was submitted to the town council.

Grants: none

Liaison Reports:

Conservation Commission: Mr. Therrien reported that the C.C. has new members and a meeting is scheduled for Mar. 19th 2018. The C.C. welcomed Susan Dillon, Cheryl Hawes, and Brendan Mara to their Feb. 26 meeting. Their presence was there to help reorganize the C.C., introduce new members, and provided encouragement. They spoke on the role the C.C. plays in the Town of Foster. Their insights were very much appreciated by all.

Planning Board: Mr. Carpenter reported the State of RI Governor's push for more Alternative Energy programs to include: Solar, Hydro, and Wind power projects.

Web Page Report: Updated material is being added to the FLT web site. Discussion was made to add a link to Jerimoth Hill info on our web page for interested hikers, but to indicate that it was not a Foster Land Trust property.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. May, 2nd by Mrs. Mercier. Meeting ended at 9:30 PM

Next meeting: April 3, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis Therrien