

Foster Land Trust Minutes  
March 5, 2019

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster R. I.

Members in attendance:

Chair, Linda Los Tibbetts; Vice-Chair, Myra Mercier; Treasurer, Walter May; Secretary, Lawrence Chapman; Dennis Therrien and Tom Boyden. Mike Carpenter was excused.

Meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

Minutes:

- Mr. May moved to accept the Feb. 5, 2019 minutes. Mr. Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup> and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- None to report

Correspondence:

- A pamphlet on techniques for coping with oak die off due to Gypsy Moth and drought was received as well as a notice of the Land and Water Summit to be held on Saturday the 9th.

Reports:

1. Financial:

- None to report.

2. Grants:

- None to report.

3. Liaison reports:

- Conservation Commission:
  - Mr. Therrien reports plans for an upcoming partial Eco Depot that will exclude hazardous waste. Mattresses, tires, electric and metal will be accepted. The Scituate Eco Depot (date to be determined) will be accepting hazardous waste from Foster residents. The CC will be continuing their efforts to educate the public regarding excessive weight in the trash stream. Kristen Littlefield from Rhode Island Resource Recovery delivered a presentation and informational materials to the CC on the subjects of composting, hazardous materials, and controlling recyclables.
- Planning Board:
  - None to report.

Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr. May reports seeking bids for the sale and removal of foundation stones from the Sainio / Lepaoja property. Requests for bids went out to the Maccera, Saccoccia and Thomas Wright companies. Thomas Wright's bid @ \$20.00 a ton including backfilling the foundation hole was accepted. Options for clearing the remaining brush and tree limbs from the house site were discussed.
- Various FLT board members have viewed the cut tree markings at the Spencer West property and, with possible adjustments, generally approved of the selections.

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- Ms. Tibbetts presented the board with copies of the FLT Master Plan and revised properties list.
- Mr. Therrien stated that while deer reports are still coming in, the responses have been very favorable. He also suggested looking into the availability of seedlings to be used for selective replanting on FLT properties.

Public Relations:

- Ms. Tibbetts will request permission from the ESS Group to use images from their wildlife cameras on FLT property on the FLT website.

New Business:

- Mr. May reports being informed by the Foster Preservation Society that there are 35 cemeteries dating from the 1800s under perpetual care by the Town of Foster. The funds for maintaining the cemeteries have been depleted to the point where proper maintenance is not possible. Mr May proposes that the FLT use stewardship funds in combination with the remaining funds held by the Town of Foster to invest through the Rhode Island Foundation in order to reestablish a revenue stream sufficient to provide perpetual care. He further proposed involving the Boy Scouts and the high school Community Service Program to provide temporary maintenance until professional services can be obtained through investment funds.
- The Annual Review of Future Agenda Items was tabled.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items

- The next meeting to be held April 2, 2019.

Adjournment of public meeting:

- Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman