

# Foster Land Trust Minutes

June 4, 2019

Old Town House, Howard Hill Road

## Members in attendance:

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

## Meeting opened at:

- 7:05 p.m.

## Minutes:

- Mr. May moved to accept the May 14, 2019 minutes, Ms. Mercier 2<sup>nd</sup>, and motion passed.

## Public Comments:

- None to report.

## Correspondence:

- Ms. Tibbetts received information that the R.I. Govt. Manual is available. The annual cost to register as a non-profit is \$20.00 per year.

## Reports:

### 1. Financial:

- Mr. May reports that the adjustments regarding the deed transfer shortfall are ongoing.
- Dams are covered for liability with our insurance.
- The property adjacent to the Dunbar property will be coming up for tax sale. Special meeting could be necessary.

### 2. Grants:

- None to report.

### 3. Liaison reports:

- Conservation Commission:
  - None to report
- Planning Board:
  - Mr. Carpenter reports that no tax rate has been set on solar farms but there is a \$40,000.00 per acre valuation.

## Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr. Boyden proposed a sign for the Pot Luck trail at the bench in Spencer.
- A dead pine needs to be taken down adjacent to the parking lot at Spencer. Property owner has agreed to this.
- Mr. Boyden reports there are trees down on the Tom Woods portion of the North South Trail.

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- Mr. May reports that the Public Works Dept. will deposit clean fill from roadside dredging into the cellar hole at Sainio property.
- The fence at the parking area for the Tikkanen property needs recoating and a post needs to be repositioned to improve access.
- Mowing by the pond at Spencer West needs to be arranged.

### Public Relations:

- Mr. Therrien reports receiving an estimate for the 8 ½" x 14" brochure featuring 7 trails of \$288.00 per 250ct or \$500.00 per 500ct. Mr. May moved that Mr. Therrien be empowered to proceed with this project following PDF review by the board. Mr. Boyden 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the motion passed.
- Mr. Therrien reported a proposal from the Conservation Commission for Old Home Days. A reusable bag giveaway, with a requested donation, is planned. The CC would print one side of the bag and FLT the other with a design to be determined. The board was supportive of this plan and Mr. Therrien will pursue it further.
- A guided hike of the Boulder Trail was proposed for Land Trust Days.
- Ms. Tibbetts will contact DEM to arrange a hike of the connector trail for Spencer/Hayfield.

### Old Business:

- Cemetery proposal is still ongoing.
- Proposal to remove stonewall from Hayfield is awaiting response from DEM.
- Possibility of moving stones to wildflower meadow was discussed.

### Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- July 2, 2019

### Adjournment of public meeting:

- Mr. May moved to adjourn, Mr. Therrien 2<sup>nd</sup>, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40.
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Executive session not held.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman