

Foster Land Trust Minutes
July 2, 2019
Old Town House, Howard Hill Rd.

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:

- 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

- Mr. May moved to accept the June 4, 2019 minutes. Mr. Therrien 2nd, and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- None to report.

Correspondence:

- A woods walk will be held by the RI Forest Conservators Organization on July 25, 2019 from 6-8 p.m. Board members are encouraged to attend.
- South County Land Trust is seeking a partner for an easement without public access. Ms. Tibbetts is seeking more information regarding this inquiry.
- Kate Sales the Agriculture and Forestry Coordinator for the Northern RI Conservation District would like to arrange a visit with the FLT to discuss the Forest Legacy Program.

Reports:

1. Financial:

- Mr. May reports Minuteman Printing has been paid \$224.00 for 500 FLT brochures.
- Mr. Therrien is waiting for an invoice from the Conservation Commission for the tote bag purchase.
- Mr. May reports an FLT insurance payment of \$2,700.00 has been made.
- Mr. May reports a payment of \$200.00 to David Hopkins
- Mr. May reports that investments for the bond fund from the stewardship account have been set at a rate of 3.5%. Mr. May moved that this be changed to "best available rate". Mr. Therrien 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Grants:

None to report

3. Liaison reports:

- Conservation Commission:
 - None to report.
- Planning Board:
 - None to report

Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr. Boyden, Therrien and Carpenter cleared trails of brush and annual growth at the Hayfield property.

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- Mr. Chapman reports a large white pine has fallen across the River Trail at Spencer.
- Mr. May reports the Dunbar property has been mowed and he is in negotiations with Linda Spencer and David Hopkins regarding mowing at Spencer West. Mr. May also reports there has been no action regarding the removal of dead white pines at the entrance to the parking area at Spencer.
- Mr. Therrien moved that metal gates similar to the gate at Spencer be purchased and installed at the Hopkins and Hayfield properties. Mr. May 2nd and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Boyden was directed to obtain an estimate from Sam Wright Welding.
- The FLT has been directed by the DEM to submit and or present a proposal for a connector trail from the Spencer property to the Hayfield property through DEM property to the State Lands Management Council for review.

Public Relations:

- Old Home Days preparations are in place. Various board members will staff the information booth. Mr. Therrien is attempting to secure a double space to share with the CC. Ms. Tibbetts has been authorized to purchase a digital picture frame and thumb drive for the display of photos of FLT properties in the booth.
- Ms. Tibbetts reports that Martha Thoman is willing to conduct a guided trail walk along the Boulder Field trail on a date in September to be determined. Well behaved dogs on leashes will be welcomed. Mr. Boyden will tour the trail with Ms. Thoman prior to Land Trust Days. An article in the Foster Home Journal regarding Land Trust Days activities is planned.

Old Business:

- Discussion was held regarding possible alternate uses for the stone wall at Hayfield. Ms. Tibbetts has been directed to contact the South County Land Trust about wall building events they have held.
- Discussion was held regarding methods of clearing brush and annual growth adjacent to stone walls along Kennedy Rd. and the meadow at the Tikkanen property.

New Business:

- Mr. May reports there were no appropriate properties at the tax sale.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items

- August 6, 2019

Adjournment of public meeting:

- Mr. May moved to adjourn, Mr. Therrien 2nd; meeting adjourned at 9:15pm

Executive session not held.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman