

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Minutes Aug 7, 2018

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Rd. Foster, R.I. 02825

The FLT meeting began at 7:15 p.m.

Members in attendance:

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

Minutes:

The minutes for July 17, 2018 were corrected in the Correspondence and Discussions/Actions section to read Tom Woods Preserve, rather than Tom Woods Road. The minutes were then passed unanimously.

Public comment:

None to report

Correspondence: discussions/actions

- (a) The Nature Conservancy is considering the transfer of two parcels on Windsor Rd. to the FLT. Any possible deed restrictions need to be considered.

Reports:

Financial:

- (a) Mr. May reports sending out all outstanding invoices.

(b) Mr. May requested authorization to investigate the comparative advantages of investment strategies involving municipal bonds, municipal bond funds and corporate bonds within a \$30,000.00 cap. Myra Mercier moved to affirm and Dennis Therrien seconded. The request was approved unanimously.

(c) Further discussion was held regarding forest management as a source of income and environmental improvement. Possible grants for management plans are to be explored. Additional discussion set as a future agenda item.

Grants:

- (a) Thanks for assistance in removing debris from the Spencer West project to be sent to Martha Thoman

Liaison Reports: None to Report

Stewardship:

- a) Mr. Therrien presented new signage for bow hunters and boundaries.
- b) Mr. Therrien reports that Hayfield has been added to the properties for bow hunting.
- c) Mr. Therrien reports that new applications for FLT bow hunting permits are available and that

the FLT bow hunting rules and regulations have been updated.

- d) Mr. Therrien has submitted to the treasurer receipts for OHD and signage expenses.
- e) The Crew in your Community project at Spencer West was a success.
- f) Mark McKee's request to extend a trail from his property at Plot13/Lot63 into Tom Woods Preserve has been denied. Objections included said trail already encroaching on FLT property without permission and further extension of an ATV passable trail does not fit FLT uses. Motion to deny made by Mr Boyden and seconded by Myra Mercier. The motion passed unanimously.
- g) The archery reports came in and will be posted at a later date.

Public Relations:

- a) Acknowledgment is made of Dennis Therrien and Tom Boyden's efforts at Old Home Days (OHDs); also a thank you to Kathy Laidley and Kathleen Collins from the Conservation Commission for their assistance.
- b) A review of the entries in the Name that Trail contest was conducted. A motion was made by Mr. Boyden to have Linda Tibbetts select 5 finalists and was seconded by Mr. May.
- c) Mr. Therrien reports that he assembled and distributed 25 bird and 12 bat houses at OHDs.

Next meeting to be held Sept 4, 2018

Motion to adjourn public meeting and go to Executive Session, made by Myra Mercier with a second by Mr. Boyden - unanimously approved

Executive Session pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (5): Discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Chapman