

# Foster Land Trust Minutes

February 4, 2020

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

## Members in attendance:

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

## Meeting opened at:

- 7:00 pm

## Minutes:

- Mr. May moved to accept the January 7th Minutes. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

## Speaker:

- Glenn Tourtellot and Peter Gengler of the RI Chapter of the New England Mountain Biking Association spoke before the board re: opportunities to design and build multi-use trails on FLT properties. Particularly in the Tom Woods Preserve adjoining the North-South trail. Mr. Tourtellot is DEM certified for tree cutting when creating trails.

## Public Comments:

- None to report

## Correspondence:

- None to report.

## Reports:

- Financial:
  - a. Mr May reports year end conveyance tax total of \$49,102.12.
- Grants:
  - a. Nothing to report on the State Legislative Grant
  - b. Re: the Long Island Sound, ALE Conservation Easement, Kelli Russ completed the application for which the Town is responsible.
- Liaison reports:
  - Conservation Commission:
    - Mr Therrien reports the CC has begun Earth Day planning.
  - Planning Board:
    - None to report.

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Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr May reports that tree cutting has begun at Spencer West.
- Congdon will be harvesting witch hazel at Hayfield.
- Mr Boyden reports the Hunting signage has been taken down.
- Sue Boucher informs the board that there are leaning trees at the LaPolla property.

Public Relations:

- Ms Tibbetts and Mr Chapman attended the Interlocal Trust award dinner and report that the event was well attended and featured an engaging keynote speaker. The FLT received an award commemorating ten years of membership.
- Ms Tibbetts informed the Board of the Land and Water Summit for professional development opportunity. Ms Tibbetts and Mr Chapman intend to attend.
- Plans to distribute the Land Trust fact sheet have been tabled.

New Business:

- The Board voted to not apply for the RI Interlocal Trust safety grant.
- The Board voted to not participate in the RI Land Trust trail counter project.
- Ms Tibbetts presented information regarding the upcoming meeting with Kate Sayles and funding possibilities for the Tom Woods Preserve.

Old Business:

- There is nothing new to report on the Winsor property transfer from The Nature Conservancy.
- Town Treasurer Kelli Russ plans to speak with the Board at the March 3rd meeting regarding Land Trust Funds.
- The Board plans to obtain a GPS printout of the proposed Hayfield to Spencer trail and contact DEM re: the proposal

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- March 3, 2020
- Kate Sayles is to be invited to speak to the Board.
- Assessment issues to be considered in April or May.

Adjournment of public meeting:

- Mr May moved to adjourn. Mr Boyden 2nd and the meeting adjourned at 9:10

Executive Meeting not held

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman