

FOSTER LAND TRUST MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2020

- I. Member: Chair: Linda Los Tibbetts, Vice-Chair: Myra Mercier, Treasurer: Walter May, Acting Sec.: Dennis Therrien, Tom Boyden, Mike Carpenter.
Lon Chapman was excused.

Meeting start: 7:05 P.M.

- II. February Minutes: Mr. May moved to accept the minutes, 2nd By Ms. Mercier.
Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Public Comment: Kate Sayles who is The Agricultural & Forest Program Coordinator for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, spoke to the Land Trust members about all things related to managing our forests. She can provide us with Grant Funding, Funding for Management Plans, Wildlife and Habitat Management, Bird studies and their Habitat, and simplify and facilitate the processes for receiving grants.
- IV. Public Comment: Kelli Russ attended the Land Trust meeting to answer questions regarding the Conveyance Tax payments not being put into our account. She explained that there is a system program problem or system fault. The problem requires a programmer to fix the problem. She stated the problem is being worked on and will be fixed soon.
- V. David Rathbun spoke to the group about the upcoming Earth Day Clean-up and possibly 'Adopt-A-Spot' in town.
- VI. A motion was made by Mr. Carpenter, 2nd by Mr. May, to explore the idea of creating a Forest Management Plan for the Tom Woods Preserve. Ask Kate Sayles to help to facilitate this process.
- VII. Stewardship: Tom Woods Preserve: An update was presented by Mr. Boyden & Mr. Therrien of the ongoing project of surveying the boundaries of the Tom Woods Preserve. At this point, they have completed about 3/4 of the marking process. Many of the original boundary markers have been found and flagged for easier locating of property boundaries. Maps will be updated with GPS boundary locations in future months. Boundary marking will be completed this month. Mr. Boyden reported he met with Glen Tourtellotte from the R.I. North East Mountain Bikers Assoc. regarding a proposed Mountain Bike trail around The Tom Woods Preserve.

A motion was made by Mr. Boyden 2nd by Mr. May to propose a flagged trail around the Tom Woods Preserve for a Hiking/Mountain Bike Trail around the Preserve. This trail will be reviewed by all members of the Foster Land Trust before approval. The

location of said trail will be under review before final approval. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports: Financial: None
Grants: None

IX. Correspondence: A motion was made by Ms. Tibbetts, 2nd By Mr. May, to accept a donation of \$250 from Lauren Rathbun of Starbucks for projects related to Land Trust work. Approved unanimously.

X. Liaison Reports:
CC: no meeting
Planning: No report.

Next meeting will be April 7th, 7 P.M.
Agenda item: Election of Officers

XI. Motion to adjourn by Mr. May, 2nd by Mr. Boyden. Meeting ended @ 9:40 P.M.

Submitted by

Lawrence Chapman