

Foster Land Trust Minutes

May 13, 2020

Zoom Virtual Meeting, Foster R. I.

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:

- 5:15pm

Minutes:

- Mr. Chapman moved to accept the March 3rd Minutes. Ms. Mercier 2nd and the motion passed.

Notes from workshop 5/5/2020:

- A vote was taken on a motion to move forward with the timber harvest on the Newsome property.
- A vote was taken on a motion to amend the timber sales agreement in use with Tom Wright.
- A vote was taken on a motion to authorize Mr Therrien to purchase \$300.00 worth of grass and wildflower seed for use at Spencer West to repair trail damage from timber extraction.
- Mr Therrien cleared a fallen tree from the gate at the Hayfield property and reports that repairs will be needed to the gate.
- Mr. Therrien reports that GPS mapping was conducted at the Tom Woods property and completed at Spencer West.

Annual Election of Officers:

- A unanimous vote was taken to keep current officers in place.

Public Comments:

- None to report

Correspondence:

- A request to camp on FLT property by John Macphee was received and denied.
- June 1st is the end of the bear project. The bobcat cameras will continue.

Reports:

- Financial:
 - a. Mr May report receiving the July 1st invoice for insurance.
 - b. Mr May reports submitting reimbursements to the town treasurer.
- Grants:
 - a. Mr. Therriens plans for wildlife habitat to be included in the management being developed by Mr Carpenter.
- Liaison reports:
 - a. Conservation Commission:
 - Mr Therrien reports there are plans to work on the grounds of the Foster Public Library.
 - b. Planning Board:
 - None

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Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Boyden reports the gate at Hayfield is repaired
- Several trees that had fallen onto the field at the Hayfield property will be cleared by the neighboring property owner.
- Mr. Chapman suggested the purchase of a chainsaw by the land trust. Prices and option to be sought.

Public Relations:

- The R.I. Land Trust reports increased use of properties due to Corona virus. Busy locations have seen an increase in trash .
- Mr Boyden noted the need for more brochures and several necessary revisions.

New Business:

- A vote was taken on the amended Timber Sales Agreement with Tom Wright. The vote passed with 6 in favor and 1 opposed.
- Grass and wildflower seeds were spread at Spencer West. A second phase was discussed involving finding sources for plantings of bushes appropriate for attracting and supporting wildlife.
- Mr Boyden and Mr Therrien suggested an article for the Home Journal on Spencer West.

Old Business:

- Development of the perimeter trail at Tom Woods has been held up by wet conditions.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- .June 2, 2020

Adjournment of public meeting:

- Mr May moved to adjourn and Ms Mercier 2nd and the meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

(Executive Meeting not held)

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman