

Foster Land Trust Minutes June 2, 2020  
Foster Land Trust (FLT)  
Zoom Online Meeting  
Foster R. I.

**Members in attendance:**

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

Meeting opened at:

- 5:00 pm

**Minutes:**

- Mr May moved to accept the May 12th Minutes Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed. Mr May moved to accept May12th Executive Minutes Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed.

**Public Comments:**

- Mr Therrien spoke toward the concept of the Land Trust moving toward greater economic self sufficiency.

**Correspondence:**

- None to report.

**Reports:**

Financial:

- Mr May reports that the conveyance tax has been moved to the correct account. The Land trust is a tax exempt entity and that our DUNS number is correct.

Grants:

- The legislative grant for \$1500.00 requires a list of equipment to be purchased.

Liaison reports:

- Conservation Commission:
  - Mr Therrien reports there will be no Earth Day activities this year. The CC plans to replace the Foster Library sign with the FLT donating a cedar post for the project.
- Planning Board:
  - None to report.

**Stewardship-All properties:**

- Mr Boyden reports no new interest in harvesting dead cedars for posts.
- Mr Therrien reports the recently planted grass at Spencer West is growing well also some weed wacking is needed along the trail.
- Mr Therrien proposed that he transplant wild strawberry plants to cleared areas at Spencer West. Mr May moved to accept. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.
- Ms Tibbetts has reached out to URI as a possible source for further plantings at Spencer West.
- Mr Therrien reports he will be meeting with Carol Sholly regarding updating the Land Trust brochures.
- Mr Therrien reports that the tree down from the neighboring property at Hayfield has not been cleared.

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- Mr Boyden reports that the Walk R.I. map of Hayfield is not up to date. Ms Tibbetts will follow up on that issue.
- Mr Therrien moved to allow ground blinds for deer hunting at the Tikkannen and Grass properties. Mr May 2nd and the motion passed. Deer hunting contracts will need to be updated.

**Public Relations:**

- None to report

**New Business:**

- Mr Carpenter reports the Tom Woods Management Plan is ongoing. He also put forward the idea of having notebooks for each property detailing deeds, conservation easements, management plans, ect.
- Mr. Therrien moved that the Timber Harvest Agreement for the Newsome property be changed to "on or about" the given dates. Mr May 2nd and the motion passed..

**Old Business:**

- Mr Boyden reports on the Tom Woods Perimeter Trail that there are still wet spots causing delay and that the logging road is receiving heavy usage.

**Next meeting date / Future agenda items:**

- .July 7, 2020

**Adjournment of public meeting:**

- Mr May moved to adjourn and Mr Therrien 2nd motion passed and meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Executive Meeting not held

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman