

Foster Land Trust Minutes

July 7, 2020

Zoom Virtual 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:

- 6:50 pm

Minutes:

- Mr May moved to accept the June 2nd Minutes. Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- None to report.

Correspondence:

- Peter Caletino requested to be allowed nude hiking on FLT property. Mr May moved to deny this request and Mr Therrien 2nd. The motion passed.
- Michelle Grald joined the meeting following up on her request for her family to assist in maintaining the trails used by equestrians. The Board welcomed this assistance under the supervision of the FLT. Mr Boyden will continue working with Ms Grald on this matter. Mr Carpenter recommended that equestrian access points be included in our Management plans.

Reports:

- Financial:
 - a. Mr May reports that the Town Treasurers' report on FLT financials is accurate.
 - b. Mr May reports that the Zoom fees and the insurance have been paid.
 - c. Mr May reports that the sufficient funds are available to proceed with the Rotundo project and the tractor purchase.
- Grants:
 - a. The Legislative Grant is still in process.
 - b. The NRCS Agricultural Land Easement has been signed by all parties and the appraisal will occur when the financing comes through.
- Liaison reports:
 - Conservation Commission:
 - Mr Therrien reports there are plans to hold an Earth Day this fall with a possible road clean up.
 - Planning Board:
 - None to report.

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Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Therrien reports that the first attempt at transplanting wild strawberries to Spencer West failed.
- Mr May reports that the fallen trees at Hayfield have been cleared.
- Mr Boyden reports that he cleared trails with the string trimmer at Hayfield, Boulder Field and Pot Luck.
- Mr Chapman reports clearing invasive shrubs from the River Trail at Spencer and cleared brush and fallen limbs on the East shore of Spencer Pond.
- Mr Carpenter suggested including work package maps by Plat/ Lot in the Management Plans.

Public Relations:

- Suggestion that the FLT become involved in a Farmers Market at Plot14/L19B was tabled.
- Town Charter changes were discussed.

New Business:

- Installation of additional trail signs banning motorized vehicles was moved by Mr Therrien and 2nd by Mr Chapman. The motion passed.
- Options regarding video surveillance cameras on trails are to be explored.
- Mr May moved to purchase a tractor that has been offered to the FLT. Mr Therrien 2nd and passed contingent on issues of insurance and storage being resolved.

Old Business:

- Ms Tibbetts will be forwarding the requested maps for the Hayfield / Spencer Connector Trail to DEM in advance of a future meeting.
- Ed Schernau, John Bradley and Ginny Leslie joined the meeting to discuss the N/S Trail passage through Borders Farm and Plat8/Lot2.
- The property donation of Plot 8 / Lot 2 is awaiting accountants completing their work.
- Ed Chernow and Mr Al Pointe joined the meeting to discuss the progress and options for the Tom Woods Perimeter Trail and N/S Trail.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- August 4, 2020.

Adjournment of public meeting:

- 9:00pm

Executive Meeting not held

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman

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