

Foster Land Trust Minutes
October 6, 2020
Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road
Foster R. I. (Virtual access by Zoom)

Members in attendance:

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

Meeting opened at:

- 7:00 p.m.

Minutes:

- Mr Therrien moved to accept the Sept 1st Minutes. Mr May 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- None to report.

Correspondence:

- An email was received from the Nature Conservancy informing the Board the Hayfield/Colwell property transfer should be completed by the end of the year.
- A Request for information about your Land Trust's Conservation and Stewardship Accomplishments, Activities and Practices was received from The R I Land Trust Council and forwarded to board members.
- An email was received from Kate Sayles @ NRCD with a Solar siting guide and a R I Forest study which will be forwarded to the Board members.

Reports:

- **Financial:**
 - Mr May reports: The Zoom reimbursement has been submitted.
 - Mr May moved that funds be reimbursed for a damaged string trimmer. Mr Chapman 2nd and the motion passed.
 - Mr May reports: Payment is planned for the RI non-profit report plus late fee.
 - Mr May moved to have Mr Therrien made Assistant Treasurer. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed.
- **Grants:**
 - Legislative Grant was received.
 - The NRCS Agricultural Land Easement is still in progress.
 - Applying to ALPAC for funding is being explored.
 - A possible grant suggested by Kate Sayles for Tom Woods on the basis of wildlife and forest management to be explored. A January deadline applies to this grant.
- **Liaison reports:**
 - **Conservation Commission:**
 - A Town Clean Up is scheduled for October 17th.

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- Planning Board:
 - None to report.
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Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr May moved that Mr Terrell be allowed to remove dead cedar trees from the area while harvesting Witch Hazel. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed.
- Mr Carpenter suggested a block heater be obtained for the tractor and reports that the test of the oil sample shows wear.

Public Relations:

- None to report.

New Business:

- Mr Carpenter presented the Board with FLT Workbooks which he has been developing.

Old Business:

- The route for the North/South Trail through Borders Farm and the Chagnon property was approved by the N/S Trail Board.
- Tom Wright plans to cut in the Newsome property in November and will be sending the contract shortly.
- The Spencer Property Witch Hazel contract with Dave Terrell has been signed. A property inspection will be conducted before the harvest begins.
- Nothing to report on the Tom Woods Perimeter trail project.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- .November 3, 2020

Executive session:

- The Board voted to deny a request for a right of way in Plat 13/Lot 76.
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Adjournment of public meeting:

- 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman