

Foster Land Trust Minutes

December 1, 2020

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road, Foster, RI
(Virtual access by Zoom)

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:

7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

Mr May moved to accept the November 3, 2020 Minutes. Mr Carpenter 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

None to report

Old Business:

None to report

Correspondence:

- Tom Wright informed the Board he will provide the contract for work to be done at the Newcome property and a starting date.
- Kate Sayles contacted the Board regarding federal grants for healthy forests.
- Ms Tibbetts reports ongoing communication with Michelle Sheehan at DEM regarding the proposed connector trail at Hayfield/Spencer.

Reports:

Financial:

- Mr May directed Mr Therrien and Mr Boyden to look for a trailer and backhoe to purchase for the new tractor.
- Mr Carpenter is to proceed with creating capital and maintenance/operational budget projections.
- The Board will return the operational budget as a line item.

Grants:

- Mr May requires the paperwork for submitting receipts relevant to the Legislative Grant.
- Mr May moved to obtain bids for an appraisal on the Rotundo Property. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.
- The Board declined to pursue a habitat management grant for Tom Woods Property due to ineligibility as a municipal land trust.
- A new grant proposal for trail maintenance/construction has been taken under consideration.

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Liaison reports:

Conservation Commission:

None to report.

Planning Board:

None to report.

Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr Therrien reports the removal of beaver from Spencer Pond.
- Equipment stored in Mr May's cellar will be moved to Mr Therrien's property for storage.
- Mr Chapman reports ongoing clearance of fallen trees at Spencer.

Public Relations:

An email was received from the URI Fisher Research Survey requesting permission to operate on FLT property. Mr Chapman moved to allow this and Mr Boyden 2nd. The motion passed.

Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

January 5, 2021
DEM trail grant.

Adjournment of public meeting:

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman