

Land Trust Minutes

April 6, 2021
(Virtual access by Zoom)

Members in attendance:

Chair, Linda Los Tibbetts; Vice-Chair, Myra Mercier; Treasurer, Dennis Therrien ;
Secretary, Lawrence Chapman; Tom Boyden, Mike Carpenter and Zach Bain.

Meeting opened at:

- 7:10 pm

Minutes:

- Mr Therrien moved to accept the March 2, 2021 Minutes. Ms Mercier 2nd and the motion passed.

Public Comments:

- None to report

Old Business:

- Tod Damon attended via Zoom to contribute to the discussion regarding his proposal for a PawPaw orchard.
- A motion was made by Mr Carpenter to review relevant standards and visit the properties under consideration before the May FLT meeting. Mr Chapman 2nd and the motion passed.
- A draft of management plans for the Hayfield 2 and Colwell properties on Windsor Rd are planned for the May 4 meeting.

New Business:

- A summary of Land Trust Alliance Standards and Practices and the FLT Treasurers authorizations were enumerated.
- Simmons Crossing topic has been moved to the May meeting or later.
- FLT to be the principle carrier of the pending conservation easements. A management plan needs to be written including parking considerations. The Board is in general agreement except as regards the issue of eminent domain.
- A correction to the April 29, 2020 Executive Session minutes was submitted and a motion to accept was made by Ms Mercier and 2nd by Mr Carpenter. The motion passed.

Correspondence:

- Rupert Friday from R I Land Trust sent workshop reminders for Monitoring Land Trust properties.
- Information regarding the Open Meetings Act was presented.

Reports:

- Financial:
 - Reimbursements for Zoom and the Rotondo appraisal were turned in.
 - Mr Therrien reported on current FLT finances.

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- Mr Therrien and Ms Mercier plan to meet with the Town Treasurer regarding conveyance tax issues.
- **Grants:**
 - Ms Tibbetts presented the completed appraisal on the Rotondo property.
 - The DEM grant is still to be announced.
- **Liaison reports:**
 - Conservation Commission:
 - Mr Therrien reports that Earth Day plans are completed.
 - Planning Board:
 - None to report

Stewardship-All properties:

- No Cedar post harvest is anticipated and the Witch Hazel harvest is progressing.
- No action at this time.
- No action on N/S trail project.
- Mr Therrien reports that a deposit of \$2,000.00 on a cost of \$7,200.00 has been made on a backhoe with a 12" bucket with thumb. A June delivery is expected and the deposit has been reimbursed to Mr Therrien.
- Mr Therrien reports that 17 deer permits were issued with 8 reports returned and 2 deer taken.
- Mr Therrien reports there is a beaver mound at the Dunbar property that needs to be dealt with at a future date.
- Mr Boyden And Mr Chapman report routine maintenance has been conducted.

Professional Development:

- Ms Tibbetts reports that virtual trenching / excavation training is available.

Public Relations:

- Ms Tibbetts reports the choices for the RILTC Sculpture game have been submitted.
- Mr Chapman reports the Recreation Department's "Egg Hunt" is in place.
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Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- May 4, 2021
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Adjournment of public meeting: 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman