

# Foster Land Trust Minutes October 2, 2018

Foster Land Trust (FLT)

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road

Foster R.I. 02825

## Members in attendance:

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

## Minutes:

- The minutes for September 4, 2018 were approved unanimously.

## Public comments:

- None to report.

## Correspondence:

- Linda Tibbetts will be responding with detailed information to an email inquiry made by Mary Evelyn Nelson regarding the sale of the Walker Rd. property.
- A request was made by Gorham and Gorham for documentation of authorization regarding the sale of the Walker property. The FLT Board notes that on Sept. 25, 2014 the Foster Town Council, in Executive session, approved the sale of the Walker property. A motion was made by Myra Mercier to appoint Walter May to sign all necessary documents involved in the sale. Tom Boyden 2nd the motion which passed unanimously.
- The Rhode Island Land Trust Council requested an update of people on the FLT Board who wish to receive the RILT newsletter. The RILT inquired if the FLT wished to be put on the list for a usage counter to be installed on a their trails. Both items were approved.
- Mr. Therrien and Boyden made arrangements with Director Katherine Chansky to bring the display maps of FLT trails and parking areas to the Tyler Free Library. A question

and answer gathering on Oct. 17 at 6:00pm is also planned. There will be a presentation at Foster Public Library as well on a date to be determined.

## Reports:

- Financial:

(a)Walter May reports a \$800.00 cash payment from Dave Terrel for the cutting of witch hazel on the Tikkanen property has been deposited in the stewardship account.

- Grants:

None to report.

- Liaison reports:

Conservation Commission:

(a)The CC reports that they are doing work on their mission statement.

Planning Board:

(a)None to report.

## Stewardship-All properties:

- Mr. Therrien and Boyden report they finished some additional clearing and mowing at Spencer West.
- Mr. Therrien and May report they met with the property owner adjacent to the Dunbar property and resolved those issues successfully.
- Mr. May reports that the electric power lines on the Shippee Schoolhouse property have been taken down. Also Mr. Therrien has cleared the trees from around the house and Mr. Chapman has begun clearing the brush and small trees from around the garage. Bids are still being sought for the demolition work.
- Mr. Therrien moved that an application be submitted for a demolition permit. Mr. Boyden 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. May reports the possibility of a free forest management plan being available if the tree work is done through Tom Wright.
- Mr. Boyden reports having cleared brush from Berry View trail.
- Mr. Therrien reports that 20 bow hunting permits have been issued.
- The Forest Management Practices document presented by Mr. May was discussed and agreement was reached for this to be used as a title page for all future forest management plans. Mr. May moved that this Forest Management Practices document

be used to move forward with the proposed work on the Spencer West and Newsome properties. Mr. Therrien 2nd and the motion passed unanimously.

### Public relations:

- The Recreation Dept. requested a Christmas tree from the FLT but no suitable tree is available.
- Linda Tibbetts reports the nature hike at Spencer West on Land Trust Days was successful.
- A report on photos taken during the Spencer West workday with Crew in Your Community was tabled.

### Next meeting date / Future agenda items:

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 6, 2018

### Motion to adjourn:

Mr. May moved to adjourn, Myra Mercier 2nd. The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

### Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman