

# Foster Land Trust Minutes

January 7, 2020

Benjamin Eddy Building, 6 South Killingly Road

## **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:**

7:10 pm

## **Minutes:**

Mr May moved to accept the December 3, 2019, minutes with minor corrections. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

## **Public Comments:**

1. Dave Rathburn informed the board of his observations of a recent Economic Development Commission he had attended where FLT finances were discussed.
2. The board received an email relating to the temporary closure of Spencer West not being posted on the Town/FLT web site.

## **Correspondence:**

Ms Tibbetts will be forwarding information to the board members regarding the Rhode Island Land and Water Conservation.

The Rhode Island Mountain Bikers wish to talk with the board regarding Tom Woods Trail.

## **Reports:**

1. Financial:
  - a. Mr May submitted the FLT Capital Budget to the Town of Foster.
2. Grants:
  - a. None to report.

## **Liaison reports:**

1. Conservation Commission:
  - a. None to report.
2. Planning Board:
  - a. Mr Carpenter moved to print and distribute to the voters a tax workshop paper to be financed from the Stewardship account. The paper to be reviewed by the board within a week. The motion was 2nd by Ms. Tibbetts and passed.

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3. Stewardship-All properties:

- a. Mr Boyden and Mr Chapman conducted an initial survey of the proposed connector trail from the Spencer property to the Hayfield property.

**Public Relations:**

None to report.

**New Business:**

1. A letter is to be sent from the FLT Board to the Town Council and the Treasurer requesting that the FLT be included in the upcoming audit.
2. Mr May moved that a request be made through Representative Chippendale for a grant to be used to supply maintenance equipment for use by volunteer workers on historical properties. Mr Boyden 2nd and the motion passed.

**Old Business:**

1. Regarding the Colwell property a check of emails shows the conflict of interest study was done, DEM has approved and Flt-DEM review was done.
2. Next meeting date / Future agenda items:
3. February 4, 2020
4. Board elections to be held in April.
5. Management plans to be reviewed.

**Adjournment of public meeting:**

Mr May moved to adjourn. Mr Therrien 2nd and the motion passed.

Executive Meeting not held

Respectfully submitted:

Lawrence Chapman