

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
February 1, 2016
5:30 Town Hall

Call to order 5:32

Present: D. Poyer, R. Anderson, J. Beuth, E. Johnson N. Hess

Not Present: A. Webb, S. Paton, D. Stetson (ex-officio) D. Johnson (Conservation Commission ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: To approve regular minutes from January 2016, J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd
All Ayes

Communications

Received a notice about the State wide historic preservation conference.

Received a notice from Al Diorio about a survey abutting a land trust property.

Approval of invoices for payment

None

Public Forum

None

Old Business

1. Member reports- J. Beuth moved a sign on the Stetson preserve last week, put it on the correct tree, and all look fine at the preserve.
2. Scout Projects- S. Paton reported via e-mail that the bat house project was completed- boxes came out well and she verified where they were placed. Justin Shappy completed the project.
J. Beuth reported that Presto Simpkins is working on his wood duck nesting box project, and has time to complete it.
3. Stewardship projects- Stewardship day planned for April 2, 2016. We will develop more details at the next meeting.
 - a. Potential projects identified:
 - > Post land trust markers on the Stetson Preserve and remove barbed wire.

- >Bradner Preserve- trails need to be reblazed.
- > Scudder Preserve- boundaries need to be marked with RRPLT markers.
- > Kenyon- Trail system (This would be better done as a scout project)

4. Parking Areas for preserves- D. Poyer spoke with DPW about parking areas for the Saila Kenyon and Stetson preserves. All the equipment is in winter mode, and they will start in the spring.
D. Poyer spoke with owner of the common land around Chelsea Farms and he may be willing to give RRPLT permission to use the current access to the Saila preserve.
5. Land and Water Summit- D. Poyer is presenting, R. Anderson & E. Johnson will also attend.
6. Land Trust Days- tabled to March meeting.

New Business

1. Conservation Commission nailing signs at Crawley Preserve.
The Conservation Commission would like to attach signs to trees at the Crawley Preserve replace some of the poles for the interpretive trails. It was the consensus of the board to allow the Conservation Commission to attach the signs to trees where appropriate being careful to allow for tree growth and backing out the screws every year or so.

Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section as amended 1956. Chapter 42-46-5(a) (5) to discuss acquisition of property for public purposes.

MOTION: to enter executive session J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd
D. Poyer-Aye J. Beuth-aye R. Anderson-aye E. Johnson-aye

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the executive session. J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd
D. Poyer-Aye J. Beuth-Aye R. Anderson-Aye E. Johnson-Aye

Adjourn

MOTION: To Adjourn J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd
All Ayes

Adjourn 6:45

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Johnson

Elizabeth Johnson, Clerk

RRPLT
