

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
May 2, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Call to Order 5:35

Present- D. Poyer, D. Stetson (ex-officio), J. Beuth, S. Paton, E. Johnson

Not Present- R. Anderson, A. Webb, N. Hess (Planning Board, Ex-Officio)

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve March minutes, J. Beuth, S. Paton 2nd

All ayes

Motion to approve executive session from February J. Beuth, S. Paton 2nd

All Ayes

Communication-

None

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

None

Public Forum

None

Old Business

1. Member reports-

S. Paton is still in communication with Chariho votech on kiosk projects- she is having a hard time touching base with them. S. Paton suggested looking into scouts for the project. D. Poyer has been contacted by scout groups and has thrown projects out there, and is waiting to here.

S. Paton thinks the bat boxes were done very well by the scout (J. Shappy).

S. Paton has volunteered her husband to do the kiosk for the Stetson preserve if needed.

D. Poyer spoke with K. Ellsworth and P. Mihailedes doesn't have the ownership to grant the access to the Saila preserve.

D. Stetson is suggesting we have Jason Tefft firewood cut the trees needed for the Saila preserve access. D. Poyer will check with DPW on this. D. Poyer will meet with S. Paton and Al Diorio to mark out the access road.

2. Stewardship day
D. Poyer attended Stewardship day, 5 volunteers showed. Most were sent to the Saila preserve with R. Anderson and A. Webb. A volunteer showed interest in being the steward for the Saila preserve- tabled to the next meeting.
D. Poyer went with a volunteer to the Crawley Preserve and clipped invasive species in the parking lot.
3. Land and Water Summit
E. Johnson enjoyed the Summit, and learned a lot.
4. Land Trust Days
Friday the 16th of September, D. Poyer spoke with Paul Drumm at the Johnny cake center and he agreed to meet before our walk. 6:30 meet, 7:00 at Crawley for the hike. D. Poyer and S. Paton will lead the walk and supply the lighting needed. A. Webb is doing the brochure for the full moon hike. D. Poyer would like the spur trail at the Crawley done by then. It is the consensus of the board to limit the amount of people to 20. E. Johnson offered her house for parking and to go into the preserve. D. Poyer suggests an owl prowl again in late October in hopes of more owls- perhaps Halloween weekend. To be discussed at future meetings.
5. RI Land Trust Programs
 - a. Property Baseline Documentation
D. Poyer reported that the documentation person went to the Saila preserve on stewardship day.
 - b. Records Keeping-
D. Poyer will forward the information to E. Johnson for the record keeping.

New Business

1. Bradner Interpretive Trail Brochure
It's the general consensus of the board to approve the Brochure- with a few revisions. J. Beuth suggested we take off the website & e-mail off the front and replace them with the Town of Richmond and RRPLT logos.
We are looking for a way to make our maps for the trails more available. D. Stetson will speak with Karen Pinch about easier access.
2. Stetson Preserve opening
D. Poyer reports that the parking lot is almost done. They are addressing some drainage issues in the parking area. D. Poyer will have DPW look into this.
D. Poyer would like to make a trail to the preserve directly from the parking lot.
J. Beuth will do a rough cut sign to mark the preserve for the opening.
D. Poyer will talk to M. Hutchinson for a trail map for the opening.
Schedule the opening for Saturday October 8, 2016 at 10:00AM.
D. Poyer will speak with K. Pinch & H. Oppenheimer about the date and time.

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, S. Paton 2nd

D. Poyer-*Aye* J. Beuth-*Aye* S. Paton-*Aye* D. Stetson-*Aye* E. Johnson-*Aye*

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the executive session, J. Beuth, S. Paton 2nd

D. Poyer-*Aye* J. Bueth-*Aye* S. Paton-*Aye* D. Stetson-*Aye* E. Johnson-*Aye*

Next Agenda

1. Review items for June 2016 agenda

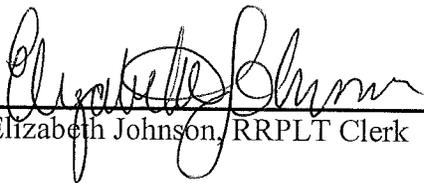
Adjourn

MOTION: To Adjourn, J. Beuth, S. Paton 2nd

All Ayes

Adjourn: 6:58 PM

Respectfully submitted


Elizabeth Johnson, RRPLT Clerk
