

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
August 1, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Call to Order- 5:31

Roll Call- D. Poyer, A. Webb, S. Paton, D. Stetson, R. Anderson, J. Beuth, E. Johnson

Not Present- N. Hess

Approval of Minutes- **Motion to approve June Minutes, R Anderson, Second J. Beuth**
All Ayes

Communications- Donations made to RRPLT via tax bill stuffer.

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment- none

Public Forum
none

Old Business

1. Member reports

Andy Webb reports that the printing for the tax bill stuffer is now being done in house, and we will be invoiced soon.

Flyer is on the website for our Moon walk in September.

D. Poyer will prepare the press release and send it to L. Johnson to be distributed to the friends of the Land Trust.

J. Beuth will check with Preston (the scout working on the wood duck boxes) and see when they will be finished.

2. Land Trust Days

A. Webb reports the flyer has been sent to R. Friday of the RI Land trust council for posting. P. Drumm at the Johnny cake center will have someone available to cook the Johnny cakes. L. Johnson will pick up some apple cider. It was the consensus of the board to not schedule a rain date. We will meet at Kenyon for 5:45, and will have parking at L. Johnson's field.

a. RI Land Trust Programs: Records Keeping

L. Johnson gave an update from Holly Lippert. An invite to the drop box was resent as Holly didn't receive it. She has been focusing on scanning large

format files such as maps & surveys. L. Johnson will meet with H. Lippert at the end of August.

3. Stetson Preserve opening

D. Stetson put pictures of the parking area in the drop box. The parking area is done. The Paton's have not had time to make the kiosk. S. Paton will check and see if they will have the time to make it in August. If it cannot be done, she will check with the Chariho Vo-tech in September. D. Stetson has some lumber available to use for the project. The opening is set for Saturday October 1, with a rain date of October 2nd at 10:00 am. D. Poyer will invite the town council, and do a press release. A. Webb will do a little flyer so we can send via mail to the friends of the land trust that we don't have a valid e-mail for. D. Poyer will put it on K. Pinch's calendar to send a notice to the town council and post it on the town web site. P. Stetson did the GPS coordinates and has given them to M. Hutchinson to do a map. We will give out maps, lead a hike and perhaps have cider and donuts.

4. New Land Trust Board Member

S. Paton has convinced Rob Swanson to become a land trust board member. He has a great background in environmental issues. S. Paton will print out the application for him to go before the town council.

New Business

1. Burrillville Land Trust request for resolution to oppose proposed power plant.

P. Roselli was reaching out to land trusts to write a resolution supporting opposition to the proposed power plant. It's being opposed as it doesn't help RI with the carbon foot print, and prevents RI from reaching our alternative energy goals. S. Paton says the location is ideal to put the power on the grid. It was the consensus of the board to not weigh in on the proposal.

2. Boy Scout projects

D. Poyer was contacted by a few Exeter Boy Scouts- one would like to do a trail on the Kenyon preserve, and one would like to do the overlook trail on the Crawley Preserve, and put in a couple of benches. Hopefully he will do some other trail maintenance. D. Poyer will send a note to K. Pinch to inform her of some things that could be going on soon. D. Poyer asked R. Anderson to work with the Scout for the trails on the Kenyon preserve.

3. Hunting

J. Beuth was contacted by Kyle Leise about the possibility to hunt on the newly acquired Saila Preserve. RRPLT has a hunting policy in place that requires submitting a request, an application and complete hunter information form along with

a current hunting license. Kyle Leise will be building a house close to the property and would like the convenience. The board discussed how the property would be accessed prior to the completion of our access road. We are still planning to put the road in through our right of way. D. Stetson suggested the Preserve borders be clearly marked. There was a concern that people accessing the Preserve may trespass on private property to gain access. It was the consensus of the board that anyone granted permission would be specifically shown our right of way as the legal access point. D. Stetson suggested the hunters walk our right of way instead of driving it. D. Poyer will speak with DPW to see if they can make the access a priority. D. Stetson suggested the town have J. Tefft remove some of the larger trees before DPW work begins. J. Beuth thinks we should add the Saila preserve to our list of properties that allow hunting. When we are giving permission to hunt, we will need to show them how to access the property. D. Poyer will let Jack Chagnon (the steward of the Saila Preserve) know that we have a hunting policy now. She will approve hunters based on the documentation being complete. We will give the hunters a clear map of the access and have done due diligence.

Motion to add the Saila Preserve to the list of hunting properties for deer hunting. A Webb, J. Beuth 2nd

All ayes

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.

Next Agenda

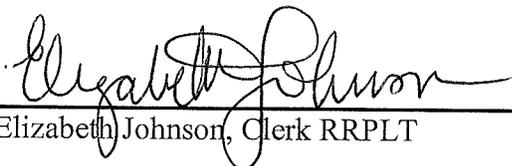
1. Review items for next agenda
 - a. Hunting

Motion to adjourn J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd

All Ayes

Adjourn: 7:05pm

Respectfully Submitted:


Elizabeth Johnson, Clerk RRPLT
