

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
October 3, 2016
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Call to Order – 5:35

Roll Call- D. Poyer, D. Stetson (ex-officio), S. Paton, R. Anderson, E. Johnson, N. Hess (ex-officio), R. Swanson (Pending board member)

Not present- J. Beuth, A. Webb

Approval of Minutes – **Motion to approve September 2016 minutes R. Anderson,**

Suzanne Paton 2nd

With Corrections as noted

All Ayes

Communications- none

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment- none

Public Forum – The following individuals have been approved to hunt white tailed deer in the Saila Preserve; Jack Chagnon, Randy Moreno, Kyle Liese, & (his uncle). Jack Chagnon and Randy Moreno were in attendance. They have agreed to supply hunting logs, and will be careful about how they access the preserve. Jack Chagnon mentioned there is an open well on the property that needs to be addressed. He has agreed to cover the well with plywood for safety, until the Board can address the situation. Jack has also asked if he could use an ATV to facilitate the removal of any hunted deer. S. Paton is opposed to the ATV as setting a precedent that would be hard to stop. It was the consensus of the board to not allow ATV use, a horse would be just fine.

Old Business

1. Member reports-

D. Poyer has been in contact with DPW about putting in the access road to the Saila Preserve. DPW thinks they can get it done by the end of October. D. Poyer will go out with Al Diorio to be sure that the access is properly marked for DPW. S. Paton would like to save the two large Shagbark Hickory trees that are in the right of way. The trees that need to be removed will be marked with spray paint. We will need to be sure that trucks can get in, fire and rescue etc... D. Poyer is going to see if DPW can get to the Kenyon Preserve parking lot as well. H. Oppenheimer is not seeking reelection to the Town Council and spoke with D. Poyer about some Capitol improvement bonds that will be available next year.

2. Land Trust Days-

S. Paton reports we had forty-seven people attend our Harvest Moon Walk at the Crawley Preserve and was very well received. We had enough donations to pay the Johnny cake cook. D. Poyer suggests we do a scavenger hunt next year, as that is always well received.

3. Stetson Preserve opening-

The opening has been delayed to October 23, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The kiosk has been built by R. Swanson and P. Stetson. The post holes have been dug by J. Beuth. D. Stetson will have the map laminated (2 copies) to be put on the kiosk, she will invoice it to the Land Trust. The only thing missing from the Stetson trail map would be the QR Codes. D. Poyer will speak with the Town Administrator about this. We will send out invitations, D. Poyer and E. Johnson will work on the list. There will be no rain date for this event.

4. Boy Scout projects-

D. Poyer reports Matthew (the scout working on the Crawley Preserve spur trail), has the benches built. He plans to have this completed by the end of the month. She has not heard from the scout about the trails on the Kenyon Preserve. She is also looking to get in touch with D. Kenyon, to let him know the Land Trust is working on some trails for the Kenyon Preserve. D. Poyer is waiting to hear from J. Turek about any scouts that may be looking for projects.

New Business

1. Preserve Zoning Change

There was a large turnout in attendance for the September 20, 2016 Town Council meeting. The meet was a public hearing for The Preserve at Boulder Hills requesting Amendments to the Richmond Zoning Ordinance as well as an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

The planning board made recommendations to the Town Council, and the Council agreed for the most part with the planning board recommendations. They agreed that ATVS need to be 1000 feet from any residential property. The open space didn't have to be contiguous. It was a very disorganized hearing and hard to follow for the most part. They took out the ½ acres zoning request. They kept the 3-acre zoning, conservation development process and all rules apply with the planning board. D. Stetson tried to explain what Boulder Hills was looking to do, but asked everyone to carefully read the proposals. S. Paton commended the Planning Board for the recommendations that they made. D. Poyer feels the Town Council and Planning Board voted for the best possible outcome.

2. Stewardship Day

The estimated date for Stewardship day is November 11th from 9:00 to 12:00 with a rain date of November 12th. We will address the well on the Saila Preserve and work on the slash that is on the ground. The well is located by an old foundation and we need to be sure it is safe. J. Chagnon will send the GPS coordinates to D. Poyer and mark the area with a ribbon as he covers the area with plywood for the time being. The parking area and future trails can be looked into as well.

We will also work on invasive species at the Crawley Preserve.

3. Updating Priority List-

Executive Session- motion to enter executive Session R. Anderson- Aye- E. Johnson- Aye D. Poyer- Aye S. Paton- Aye

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 seal the minutes of executive session R. Anderson, S. Paton 2nd – D. Poyer-Aye, R. Anderson-Aye, S. Paton-Aye, E. Johnson-Aye

Motion to exit executive session- R. Anderson, S. Paton 2nd
D. Poyer-Aye, R. Anderson-Ayes, S. Paton-Aye, E. Johnson-Aye

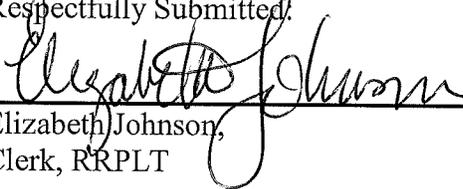
Next Agenda

1. Review items for next agenda

Motion to Adjourn- R. Anderson, S Paton 2nd
All Ayes

Adjourn 7:05 PM

Respectfully Submitted,


Elizabeth Johnson,
Clerk, RRPLT
