

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
January 6, 2020
5:30 P.M. Town Hall

Please note: Any matter listed on this agenda may be acted upon by the RRPLT

Call to Order: 5:31 P.M.

Roll Call: S. Paton, R. Anderson, D. Poyer, A. Fox, S. Lacey (ex-officio), R. Swanson, J. Davenport, T. Bietz
Not present: J. Beuth, N. Hess (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes: R. Swanson motioned to approve the December 2019 Minutes, R. Anderson 2nd.
All Ayes.

R. Swanson motioned to approve the December 2019 Executive Session Minutes, R. Anderson
2nd. All Ayes.

Communications: S. Paton shared that we received a holiday card from Al Dioro, surveyor.

Approval of Invoices for Payment: None.

Public Forum: None.

Old Business

1. Member Reports

- a. R. Anderson walked the Kenyon Preserve, completing the annual monitoring report. Trails need to be re-blazed. In addition, there are lots of downed trees and trails are overgrown in areas. There was discussion of coordinating with the highschool to help clean trails in exchange for volunteer hours.
- b. S. Paton submitted a budget for the Land Trust as part of the town's capital improvement plan. The budget reflects the expansion of current parcels, new parcels, and the recreational development of select parcels.
- c. D. Poyer completed the annual monitoring report for the Bradner Preserve; no issues to report. She provided an update on Old Mountain Property stating that the Land Trust hired Al Dioro, surveyor, contingent on getting necessary documents from the previous owners. This has been unsuccessful thus far. The Land Trust will hold off on a Class I Survey and an appraisal until the open space grant is announced.

2. Parcel Prioritization & Strategy for Land Purchases Updates

- a. S. Paton provided an overview of parcel selection criteria for new member, T. Bietz. Discussion of Parcel Acquisition sub-committee to meet Jan. 21, 2020 at 7PM. Will return to board with updates. D. Poyer mentioned submitting the new guidelines document to the Town Council for review

3. FY 2020-2021 Budget/ Capital Improvement Planning Updates

- a. S. Paton has not submitted the parking lot design contract yet. She has a list of vendors and contractors. She suggested simultaneously working with Eagles Scouts and volunteers build trails. D. Poyer suggested building a volunteer task list and overseeing the help. It was noted that the Kenyon and Salia Preserves are the highest priority for trail development. There was a brief discussion of meeting with the Narragansett tribe to discuss interpretive information for the Old Mountain property.

- b. Stewardship
 - i. Brief discussion of the abutter, The Preserve at Boulder Hills, and Salia property. Considering the installation of a gate where illegal motorized vehicles are accessing the Land Trust's property.
- c. Property Maps, Kiosk Signage, & Brochure
 - i. A. Fox updated the board that she spoke with the graphic designer and will continue developing a scope of work for 2-3 kiosk designs. D. Poyer shared that the current preserve maps need to be updated. There was a brief discussion about sending a newsletter to our friends list, sharing important land trust-related updates. There was a discussion of internet privacy concerns.

4. Annual Property Monitoring Updates

- a. A. Fox reported that all was well on the Scudder Preserve. D. Poyer shared that the Crawley and Oviatt Properties still need to be done. A. Fox will complete the monitoring report for the Stetson Preserve in 2020. It was shared that all reports must be sent to R. Swanson and uploaded to the Land Trust's Dropbox.
5. https://www.dropbox.com/sh/s8wm3cdkfv6oqyc/AAD_t1iZp-KZAsshyw_5Y6lWa?dl=0
- a. J. Beuth has not been able to attend Land Trust meetings due to work schedule conflicts. He is considering resignation but looking to still aid in managing communication with the hunters on Land Trust property. S. Paton will call to discuss resignation with him.

New Business:

1. Welcome New Member, Thomas B. Bietz, Jr.!

2. Town Planner Updates

- a. S. Lacey is updating the Comprehensive Community Plan for the town. He is hoping to have all chapters ready for review on January the 28th, for the Planning Board. There is a need to update a table of all properties within the plan, most notable being new properties, such as Old Mountain. He shared that the Tug Hollow Land Donation deal is progressing and that the next step will be for the developer to apply for an application within the quarter. There was a brief discussion of how the Wild and Scenic Rivers designation affects the development process.
- b. S. Paton shared that she had a meeting with Jim Turek and S. Lacey on the Beaver River Watershed Study and that the project is moving forward.
- c. There was a brief discussion of land trust-owned land vs town-owned land and the concept of holding development rights.

R. Swanson motioned to enter Executive Session, R. Anderson 2nd. S. Paton - aye, R. Anderson - aye, D. Poyer - aye, A. Fox - aye, R. Swanson - aye, J. Davenport - aye, T. Bietz - aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS SECTION AS AMENDED 1956, CHAPTER 42-46-5(a)(2) SESSIONS PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION AND CHAPTER 42-46-5(a)(5) TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

R. Swanson motioned to exit Executive Session, R. Anderson 2nd. S. Paton - aye, R. Anderson - aye, D. Poyer - aye, A. Fox - aye, R. Swanson - aye, J. Davenport - aye, T. Bietz - aye.

R. Swanson motioned to seal the Executive Session Minutes, R.Anderson 2nd. S. Paton - aye, R. Anderson - aye, D. Poyer - aye, A. Fox - aye, R. Swanson - aye, J. Davenport - aye, T. Bietz - aye.

R. Swanson motioned to adjourn, R.Anderson 2nd. S. Paton - aye, R. Anderson - aye, D. Poyer - aye, A. Fox - aye, R. Swanson - aye, J. Davenport - aye, T. Bietz - aye.

Adjourn: 7:37 PM

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

R. Anderson motioned to adjourn. R. Swanson 2nd. All Ayes.

Adjourn: 7:40 PM

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Respectfully submitted,



Ayla Fox
Clerk, RRPLT