

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
February 6, 2017
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

Call to Order 5:32

Roll Call- S. Paton, D. Poyer, R. Anderson, R. Swanson, E. Johnson, J. Beuth (arrived at 5:50, left at 6:45PM)

Not Present- N. Hess(ex-officio), D. Stetson (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes – **Motion to approve the regular session minutes from January 2017 R. Anderson, D. Poyer 2nd all ayes- as amended corrections**

Motion to approve executive session minutes from January 2017 R. Swanson, R. Anderson 2nd -all ayes- as amended

Motion to approve minutes of 1-23-17 D. Poyer, R. Swanson 2nd all ayes

Communications- None

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. Mary Hutchinson's invoice- Trail map for the Stetson Preserve in the amount \$570.
Motion to approve invoice from Mary Hutchinson in the amount of \$570.00 J. Beuth, R. Anderson 2nd all ayes

Public Forum-

Jack Chagnon the steward of the Saila preserve reports that the logs we have placed to block the road have been removed, and the access is still being used. S. Paton will contact A. Diorio about putting in the access road. It was discussed about purchasing a trail camera for the land trust for this and any future trespassing problems. This could be taken out of our stewardship budget. J. Beuth will research with S. Paton purchasing a camera.

**Motion to allow purchase of a trail camera for stewardship projects, and to authorize J. Beuth and S. Paton to purchase one not to exceed \$300.00
D. Poyer, R. Anderson 2nd all ayes**

Old Business

1. Member reports
J. Beuth and S. Paton feel we should review our hunting policy at a future meeting. We should table all requests for future hunting until we have this revised policy completed. This will be added to an upcoming agenda.

D. Poyer realized that we have used some funds on a trail advisory grant that ended in August of 2016. She has written to the trail advisory committee to see if we could get an extension. We have spent about 1100.00 for the Stetson parking lot, building the kiosk, and the scout project on the Crawley preserve.

D. Poyer and S. Paton met and reviewed a lot of paperwork for the land trust and it was very helpful.

D. Poyer and S. Paton plan on attending a Regional land trust meeting coordinated by the Land Trust Council on Tuesday February 7, 2017 at the Wood River Pawcatuck shed office.at 6:00 PM.

2. Boy Scout projects

Austin Winters completed the trail on the Kenyon Preserve, R Anderson walked the trails and met a person who was interested in being a steward.

3. Updating Priority List – discussed as part of executive session

4. Signage on properties- We received a quote from Voss signs on new signage. We are discussing making the signage a little more inviting to people. It's the consensus of the board to continue to research this, including checking with other land trusts.

5. Spring stewardship projects-

April 29th has proved to not be an acceptable date for stewardship day.

We are thinking about doing an invasive species training on May 6, 2017. D. Poyer will contact a specialist to see if that date is available. D. Poyer feels the Scudder Preserve would work well for this. The intent is to educate people on how to identify and manage invasive species. D. Poyer suggested the beaver river playground area as well.

R. Swanson suggests we try to use our tax stuffer as an outreach tool. We can review this on the next agenda.

New Business

1. Land and Water Summit

March 11, 2017 Saturday at URI. If we register before February 24, the registration fee is 50.00. S. Paton, R. Swanson and R. Anderson are interested in attending. The applications will be sent to S. Paton by next week and she will register everyone.

Motion to approve land trust attendance to the Land & Water Summit, R. Anderson, D. Poyer 2nd S. Paton-Aye, R. Anderson-Aye, R. Swanson-Aye, E. Johnson- Aye

Executive Session

Motion to enter executive session R. Swanson, J. Beuth 2nd- D. Poyer-Aye, R. Anderson-Aye, R. Swanson- Aye, J. Beuth- 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 exit executive session R. Swanson, J. Beuth 2nd D. Poyer-Aye, S. Paton-Aye, R. Anderson-Aye, R. Swanson-Aye, E. Johnson- Aye, J. Beuth-Aye

Motion to seal the minutes of executive session D. Poyer, R. Anderson 2nd S. Paton-Aye, R. Swanson-Aye, J. Beuth-Aye, D. Poyer-Aye, R. Anderson-aye, E. Johnson- Aye

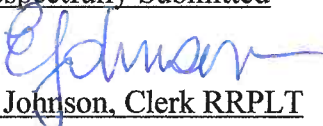
Next Agenda

1. Review items for next agenda
 - Hunting Policy
 - Outreach on tax bill stuffers
 - Planning a walk for land trust days
 - Priority list- old business
 - Signage

**Motion to adjourn R. Anderson, R. Swanson
All Ayes**

Adjourn 7:05

Respectfully Submitted


E. Johnson, Clerk RRPLT