

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

August 30th, 2021 - Agenda

5:30 P.M., at the Richmond Town Hall

*2nd Floor Conference Room
Richmond Town Hall
5 Richmond Townhouse Rd
Richmond RI, 02898*

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

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Approval of Minutes:

1. August 2nd, 2021 Minutes
2. August 2nd, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

Communications:

- 1) Email from South Kingstown land trust (Tyler Maikath) to request information about the Richmond Heritage Trail (plans and expenses). Forwarded to the Conservation Commission Chair - Jim Turek.
- 2) Email from Laken Ganoë at the University of RI asking permission to continue the RI mammal camera monitoring study through 2023.
- 3) Email from Stacy Entel to let us know about the RI Agricultural Mediation Program - to assist farmers at no expense to them. She would like us to add her website to our list of resources on our website if appropriate.

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

1. Invoice from Horsley Witten Group for work completed through 8/1/2021 on Saila parking area design - \$240.00

Public Forum:

*Note: Comments during Public Forum will only be heard and not acted upon by the Trustees. Section 42-46-6 of the Open Meetings Act, and Department of the Attorney General Advisory Opinions relevant to this item on any public body meeting agenda specifically prohibits the Town Council from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Town Council may, if warranted, refer such matters to an appropriate committee, to another body or official, or post the matter for consideration at a properly-noticed, future meeting.**

Old Business

1. Member Reports

- a. Update on potential new land trust member
2. Town Planner Update
3. Budget Update
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Update on Eagle Scout trail project at the Saila Preserve
 - b. Update on any trail damage / trees in paths at any properties that needs to be addressed after Tropical Storm Henri
 - c. Continued discussion of management plans and recreational uses for all Land Trust properties.
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update

New Business:

1. Approval of Hunting Applications for 2021-2022 on land trust properties.
2. Discussion of DEM's availability of \$3 million to help communities, local groups protect open space.
3. Outreach for RRPLT's Land Trust Day's event: almost full moon hike.
 - a. Flyer creation and online posting.
4. Discussion of meeting format going forward; hybrid (Audio Visual System) vs in-person.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The trustees may move to executive session pursuant to gen. laws 42-46-5(a)(5); Any discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes, or of the disposition of publicly held property wherein advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public.

- 1) Discussion and review of a draft conservation easement (CE) for a property being purchased by The Nature Conservancy and for which the land trust will hold the CE.
- 2) Discussion of the ongoing need for appraisals for a property adjacent to an existing land trust parcel with a willing seller.
- 3) Discussion of communications and outreach related to additional parcels in Town that have not resulted in any agreements or conservation.
- 4) Discussion of any potential outreach to additional property owners in advance of the next open space grant application.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

Adjourn:

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