

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

October 4th, 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 30th, 2021 Minutes
2. August 30th, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

Communications:

1. Welcome new trustee to the RRPLT: Antonia Bryson.
2. WPWA - Storyboard regarding land protection in the watershed

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

1. Vote to approve payment of invoice from Horsely Witten Group totalling \$430 for work completed as part of Phase I - Saila conceptual parking lot, entrance trail design.

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.**

Standing Updates and Reports:

1. Member Reports
 - a. Update on URI camera study of mammals at Bradner.
 - b. Spadefoot toad release at Scudder - September 29, 2021
2. Town Planner Update
3. Budget Update
 - a) Report on donations received
 - b) Transfer of funds to conservation commission account
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Fall stewardship needs

- b. Annual property surveys
 - c. Saila trail mapping
 - d. RIDEM trail grant update
 - e. Saila Phase II and II - final parking design and construction oversight - revised bid from Horsely Witten based on changes during conceptual design phase
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
- a) Open space grant application
 - b) Tug Hollow donation - need title report from developer - coordinate with Town Planner
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
- a) Maps for all kiosks - and other information for posting
 - b) Discussion of having the orange vests printed with the RRPLT logo
 - c) Discussion of purchase of 'Thank You' cards and stamps

New Business:

1. Vote to approve moving into Phase II with Horsley Witten Group on the Saila Preserve parking and access trail design, permitting, and construction oversight.
2. Vote to move forward with the appraisal of a property of interest in Richmond adjacent to an existing land trust property following discussion of bids received.
3. Review and approval of Conservation Easement to be held by the land trust on a property being purchased in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy.
4. Approval of additional Hunting Applications for 2021-2022 of land trust properties.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The trustees may move to executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Law 42-46 5(5) Discussion of Potential Acquisition of Real Estate for Conservation.

1. 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.
2. Discussion regarding the potential acquisition of a property in Richmond, working collaboratively with several entities.
3. Discussion regarding the potential conservation of two parcels in Richmond via the donation of a conservation easement with some stipulations.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

Adjourn:

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