

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
February 4, 2019
5:30 P.M. Town Hall

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

Call to Order: 5:33 P.M.

Roll Call: S. Paton, D. Poyer, R. Anderson, R. Swanson, A. Fox
Not Present: J. Beuth, N. Hess (ex-officio), J. Berry (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve January Regular Minutes as amended, S. Paton motion, R. Anderson 2nd - All Ayes

Motion to approve January Executive Session Minutes as amended, R. Anderson, R. Swanson 2nd - All Ayes

Communications: Discussion of Land Trust Alliance online webinars and if these might prove helpful to the board.

Approval of Invoices for Payment: \$1,000 invoice from Newport Appraisal for property under consideration. R. Anderson motion, R. Swanson, 2nd - All Ayes.

Public Forum: None.

Old Business

1. Member Reports

S. Paton shares that J. Beuth has received reports from hunters at Saila Preserve resulting in several deer taken and seen. J. Beuth hunted one day at the Stetson Preserve, did not see or take any deer. J. Beuth also cut and trimmed trails. He reports there are three large trees down, blocking the paths. The preserve is in need of some trail maintenance, particularly, chainsaw work. J. Beuth has also communicated that he will miss the next few meetings, due to work commitments. Has requested to stay on the board.

D. Poyer completed the assessment of Bradner Preserve and reports it is in need of trail work. Suggested putting in a blazing a new loop on existing path. There were no incursions from what could be seen. Saw signs of pileated woodpecker. Might be nice to do a walk for the neighbors as a way of saying, "thank you". Ideas included a birding walk or plant identification walk, plus discussing stewardship opportunities. Tentative date: May 4, 2019.

The board discussed the design and creation of trails at the Saila Preserve as a possible collaboration with Eagle Scouts. Project ideas included benches, "you are here" markers, and to look for interesting features to highlight at each of the preserves.

D. Poyer reported that Shaun McBurney was out at the Crawley Preserve clearing trails.

2. Land Trust Brochure

A.Fox will send sample to board via email and has requested review and notes.

3. Stewardship Committee

R. Swanson has requested to postpone discussion and tasks until next meeting. Board discussion of trailblazing at preserves, sign creation and trail maintenance. A. Fox will follow up with town on the status of the trail maps. Discussed the idea of having the YCL create and install trail signs. A. Fox will find out from the town planner file types to add more trails to a map, specifically on Bradner Preserve and a new white trail on the Crawley Preserve.

4. Board Membership Discussion

None.

New Business:

1. Election of Officers

D. Poyer motion to re-elect S. Paton, Chair, R. Anderson, Vice Chair, and A. Fox, Clerk. R. Swanson, 2nd. All ayes.

2. Board representation at RI Land and Water Conservation Summit.

The Summit is Saturday March 9, 2019. S. Paton, motion to allocate \$220 for summit registrations for board members to attend, R. Swanson 2nd. All Ayes.

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.

Motion to exit executive session- D. Poyer, R. Swanson 2nd, R. Anderson-Aye, S. Paton- Aye, A. Fox-aye

Motion to seal the February 2019 Executive Session, D. Poyer, R. Swanson 2nd, A. Fox-Aye, R. Anderson-Aye, S. Paton-Aye

Next Agenda:

- 1. Review Items for next agenda

Motion to adjourn, D. Poyer, R. Swanson 2nd, All Ayes

Adjourn: 7:07 P.M.

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Andy Fox, RRPLT Clerk