

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
March 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: 5:31 pm

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve February Regular Meetings as amended. R. Swanson, motion, D. Poyer 2nd. All Ayes.

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

Communications: Received invitation to the 34th Annual Preservation Conference from RI Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission to be held Saturday April 6th, 2019.

Introduction of new Town Planner for Richmond, Shaun Lacey.

Approval of Invoices for Payment: None.

Public Forum: Friend of the Land Trust, Shaun McBurney shared ideas from the South Kingstown Land Trust trifold brochure of properties. He suggested looking to that for map ideas. R. Anderson brought up the topic of re-blazing the trails at the Kenyon Preserve.

Old Business

1. Member Reports

Discussion of clearing dead wood within proximity to trail and parking areas. Decided to assess on regular basis, case by case. Decision to wait until leaf out in order to determine which trees are dead or dying. Discussion on how climate shifts, parasites, predation will affect future forest structure.

2. Land Trust Brochure Discussion

Unanimously decided the brochure skeleton layout was good. J. Berry offered to reach out to map contractor on creating a map of Richmond and the Land Trust property locations. A. Fox will continue to work on the brochure and provide and update next meeting.

3. Stewardship Committee Discussion

R. Swanson asked for input of how to structure the stewardship committee; Method to define and complete tasks. D. Poyer stated that Crawley needs maintenance all the time, suggested regular scheduled stewardship days. Discussed building a volunteer base, assign a project per month. Prioritize projects based on public use. Bradner Preserve needs blazing. Blazing language in Dropbox; protocol for how to uniformly mark the trails. D. Poyer suggested arrow blazes. D. Poyer agreed to create a task list for the stewardship committee offline.

4. Board Membership Discussion

Introduction of John Davenport, prospective board member. He sat in and observed the board meeting. He lives on Punchbowl Trail near Crawley and uses the preserve often. He filled out an application or the board and is on the docket for the March 19th Town Council Meeting.

New Business:

1. Canned Hunting Bill Discussion

Board discussion of House Bill 513. D. Poyer made a motion to draft a letter in support of House Bill 513 to include information about spreading diseases across state lines, and native vs non-native species concerns. She will follow up with DEM for specifics regarding racoons being imported from Virginia and spreading rabies. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.

2. Scudder Preserve - Spadefoot Toad Project

A. Fox provided an update on status of funding and that the project is on track for May 13-15, 2019. Possible outreach video to follow, that could be a form of outreach for the Land Trust.

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, A. Fox-aye

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

Next Agenda:

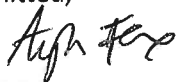
1. Review Items for next agenda
2. Benches
3. Purchase of Projector

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

Adjourn: 6:47 pm

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Respectfully submitted,



Ayla Fox, Clerk RRPLT