

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

May 2, 2022 - Minutes 5:30 P.M.

This meeting was held in person.

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

Call to Order: 5:36 PM

Roll Call: S. Paton, J. Davenport, S. Lacey (ex-officio), A. Bryson, R. Anderson, R. Swanson, A. Fox
Absent: N. Gronstrom

Approval of Minutes:

1. April 4, 2022 Minutes
 - a. J. Davenport motioned to approve the April 4, 2022 Minutes, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes - A. Fox - Abstain
2. April 4, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
 - a. R. Swanson motioned to approve the April 4, 2022 Executive Session Minutes, R. Anderson 2nd. All Ayes, A. Fox - Abstain.

Communications:

1. Bucksliip inserts review and vote to include or exclude for 2022.

S. Paton shared the current bucksliip tax bill insert. Board discussion on including in 2022 tax year as amended. Edits to be made to the current version: Donations of 125\$ will get you an orange hiking vest.

A. Bryson motioned to approve spending up to \$500 with Vision Solutions for tax bill bucksliip insert. J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes.

2. Hopkinton Land Trust - Friends group
 - a. Brief board discussion of the friends group.

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

1. Approval and payment of invoice from Horsely Witten for \$270.00 on the Saila Parking Lot design.

- a. S. Paton provided a brief budget update on the project and trail grant award letter. S. Paton reached out to DEM. DEM has begun working on the grants, award letter should be out within a year.
- R. Anderson motioned to approve invoice, R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.
2. J. Davenport motioned to reimburse R. Swanson \$93.52 for trail bridge repair materials, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes. R. Swanson - abstain.

Public Forum: None.

*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 Board of Trustees from discussing, considering or acting on any topic, statement or question presented. The Board of Trustees 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. Virtual Risk Management Workshop - session overview - tabled.
 - b. N. Gronstrom resignation. Trustees thanked N. Gronstrom for her service.
2. Budget Update
 - a. S. Paton provided an update to Trustees on where all accounts were and reviewed with the town finance director. Brief discussion of including a quarterly print out update.
3. Town Planner Report - none.
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Update on trail and boundary mapping project
 - S. Paton suggested hiring Mary Hutchinson to update maps of all properties including large scale print outs. Board in agreement.
 - b. Vote to allocate stewardship funding.
 - i. \$1000 for lumber and building materials to repair and replace Bradner bridge. R. Anderson motioned to authorize R. Swanson to purchase lumber and building materials up to \$1000. J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes
 - ii. Update trail maps. R. Swanson motioned to spend up to \$600 to update all trail maps. R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes.
 - c. Saila Parking Lot project update.
 - i. S. Paton shared most recent design update.
 - d. Hunting logs from properties where hunting permits were issued - S. Paton shared the results; 1 doe, 2 bucks harvested at Saila. 1 seven-point buck. Saw multiple young bucks - all let go. Hunter at Bradner shot one young buck. 4 deer total.
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
 - a. S. Paton and J. Davenport met, begun preparing a short list of properties. Will reach out with letters and report back to the board.
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. Crawley Hikes and Sandy's Brook designation with update.
 - i. S. Paton provided an update on Crawley Hike with D. Poyer. SK Land Trust attended. As well as S. Paton and A. Bryson.

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 communications with land owners and the potential acquisition or conservation of properties in Richmond

There was no Executive Session for the May 2022 RRPLT Meeting.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

R. Swanson motioned to adjourn, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes.

Adjourn: 7:46 PM

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