

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

June 5, 2023 - 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: 5:38 PM

Roll Call: A. Fox, R. Anderson, R. Swanson, S. Paton, S. Lacey (ex-officio)
Absent: A. Bryson, J. Davenport, P. Damcicis (liaison), R. Pouliot

Approval of Minutes:

1. May 1, 2023 Minutes
R. Anderson motioned to approve the minutes as amended, A. Fox 2nd. All ayes. R. Swanson - abstain.

Communications: None.

Approval of Invoices for Payment: None.

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. R. Swanson reported that the Scudder sign is still not installed, but hopes to have it installed by the end of the month.
2. Budget Update
 - a. S. Paton provided a brief report on all accounts status, and that all invoices have been submitted. No outstanding bills.
3. Town Planner Report - None.
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Monthly check-ins at each preserve with hiking trails.
 - b. Discussion of reaching out to Friends of the Land Trust for trail maintenance help.

- c. Trails grant update and brief discussion. Still no forward movement on the State's end.
5. Land Protection Subcommittee Update
 - a. S. Paton reported the Subcommittee met and strategized outreach for prospective properties.
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. Continued discussion of kiosk language and signage. Revisions noted. S. Paton will share feedback with P. Stetson.

New Business: None.

6:24 PM - R. Anderson motioned to enter into Executive Session. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.

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

7:07 PM - R. Anderson motion to exit Executive Session. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes

R. Anderson motion to seal Executive Session Minutes. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

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

Adjourn: 7:09 PM

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