

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

June 6, 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: 5:38 PM

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

Approval of Minutes:

1. May 2, 2022 Minutes - R. Anderson motioned to approve the May 2, 2022 minutes as amended. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.

Communications:

S. Lacey received a call at Town Hall from a William Fill interested in general information about the land trust properties, etc. R. Anderson offered to reach out and S.Paton provided the contact information that S. Lacey had forwarded.

K. Friedland update account with TNC up to \$70k. Mr. Friendland reached out to S. Paton for an update with regard to a location for a memorial garden / trail / property.

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

1. Approval and vote to authorize spending \$300 on the freshwater wetland permit for the Saila Trail development.

R. Swanson motioned to approve the paid invoice for \$300 and reimburse S. Paton, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes.
2. Approval of invoice for \$1,294.37 for Saila Parking Lot design.

R. Anderson motioned to approve the invoice for \$1,294.37, A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.
3. R. Swanson requests reimbursement for \$111.06 spent on supplies for a trail bridge, a

purchase formerly authorized by the board. R. Anderson motioned, A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.

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. S. Paton has reached out to Mary Hutchinson to work on maps. She will need the shake files in order to render them.
 - b. A. Bryson has been in touch with an intern at the Land Trust Council about mobilizing volunteers on projects. A. Fox will send the Friends List to A. Bryson for mobilizing volunteers. A. Fox will also send an email to Jim T. Conservation Commission for the CC's volunteer list.
2. Budget Update
 - a. Potential end of year purchases review.
3. Town Planner Report
 - a. Pre-application of Punchbowl Development Corp. for a proposed eight-lot major conservation development located on Punchbowl Trail, AP 5E Lot 5.
 - i. The Land Trust will continue to review plans and discuss at next month's meeting. A. Bryson will send some top level bullet points to S. Lacey. The board discussed the potential for a vineyard in an open space area and the town's definition of open space.
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Update on funds spent for bridges and other supplies
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
 - a. J. Davenport (absent) will update the board next meeting about sending letters to landowners.
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. Discussion of updating trail maps for print and digital distribution. Mary Hutchinson on board with updates.. R. Swanson will coordinate and get the shape files to her.

New Business

1. Vacancy on the board and outreach for candidates. Brief board discussion.

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 held for the June 6, 2022 RRPLT meeting.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

R. Anderson motioned to adjourn. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.

Adjourn: 7:19 PM

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