

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

July 11, 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, R. Anderson, S. Lacey (ex-officio), A. Bryson, J. Davenport, A. Fox, R. Swanson (late)

Absent:

Approval of Minutes:

1. June 6, 2022 Minutes - R. Anderson motioned to approve the June 6, 2022 Minutes as amended. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes. J. Davenport - abstain.

R. Anderson motioned to move "Town Planner Report" to first item under Member Reports. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.

Member Reports

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. Rick Dale, developer, and Steven Surdut, attorney, presented the plan set of the proposed "Vineyard Hills" development, a conservation design comprised of house lots and a working vineyard.
 - ii. Several neighborhood land owners were present (Beth Jenkins, Jamie Marlan, Marsha House, and Diane Anderson) and publicly commented: concerns regarding appropriate open space land use, water impacts (groundwater, runoff, drinking water), increased traffic on road in neighborhood.

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.**

Communications:

S. Paton shared we were invited as the Land Trust to Fire-Wise Presentation, Friday at 1:30 pm to learn about preventing wildfires.

S. Paton shared that the Trust received a donation of \$75 from a longtime donor.

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

1. Invoice received 6/14/2022 from Horsley-Witten Group for work on Saila Parking Lot design contract, construction plans, and permit application - \$2,405.00

R. Anderson motioned to approve payment of the invoice. J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes.

Standing Updates and Reports:

2. Member Reports
 - a. Rhode Island Land and Water Summit happening on July 14-16 - registration
 - i. R. Anderson motioned to send A. Bryson to the Land and Water Summit for \$65, which the Trust will reimburse her for. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.
 - b. RILTC newsletter received - general legislative updates, green economy bond and open space funding, etc. - tabled.
3. Budget Update
 - a. S. Paton shared an overview of last fiscal year's expenditures and an update on the new fiscal year and fund allocations. She will complete a packet for the August meeting detailing how funds were spent in detail.
4. 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
5. Stewardship Subcommittee Update - tabled.
6. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update - tabled.
7. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. Banfield Press Release - S. Paton will shared with the board.
 - b. Update of Volunteer List and ways to engage, cultivate relationships - tabled

New Business - tabled.

1. Board vacancy and discussion of prospective members; skills and experience needed.

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 July 11, 2022 RRPLT Meeting.

Suggested Items for the Next Agenda: Volunteers, Freedom Trail, Freidland, Mapping, Budget Detail, Annual Report for Town Council.

Adjourn: R. Swanson motioned to adjourn, J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes. 7:55PM

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