

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

August 29, 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

Please note: Any matter listed on this agenda may be acted upon by RRPLT

Call to Order: 5:40 PM

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

Absent: R. Anderson

Approval of Minutes:

1. July 11, 2022 Minutes
R. Swanson motioned to approve the July 11, 2022 Minutes as amended. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes. J. Davenport - Abstain.
2. July 21, 2022 Minutes
R. Swanson motioned to approve the July 21, 2022 Minutes as amended. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.
3. July 21, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
R. Swanson motioned to approve the July 21, 2022 Executive Session Minutes as amended. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes.

Communications: S. Paton that she received a phone call from a resident regarding the Vineyard Hills Punchbowl Trail Development.

S. Paton shared that Cynthia Drummond, local reporter, has requested an interview regarding the recent Banfield property acquisition with The Nature Conservancy.

Approval of Invoices for Payment:

Discussion and Approval of invoice from Horsley Witten Invoice for \$3,070 on Saila Parking Lot Design.

R. Swanson motioned to approve payment on the invoice from Horsely-Witten for \$3,070 on the Sail Parking Lot Design.

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. Discussion of the trail camera study and potential community event/ speaker with Laken Ganoë. A. Fox will reach out to Ganoë and see about scheduling a public presentation.
 - b. A. Bryson shared that she attended the Land and Water Summit and detailed for the board the workshops joined.
2. Budget Update
 - a. S. Paton provided a budget update to the board.
3. Town Planner Report
 - a. S. Lacey (ex-officio) shared a workshop on Community Resilience Building (online) with The Nature Conservancy is scheduled for September 28, 2022. S. Paton will sign up and attend as a representative of the Land Trust.
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Eagle Scout Project at Crawley Preserve
 - R. Swanson and A. Bryson will follow up with the Eagle Scout and formulate next steps for trail clearing/ maintenance.
 - b. S. Paton shared an update on the Saila Trails Grant, including the wetland permit. Board discussion on reaching out to abutters/neighborhood notifying them of the improved parking/ access to the Saila Preserve project. S. Paton will draft a letter and inquire about a visual rendering of the finished project to include in the letter from Horsely-Witten.
 - c. Board discussion on overall stewardship of existing trails. Fall stewardship work day continues to be discussed.
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
 - Potential for a sub-committee meeting in mid-September to review select properties and land owner outreach.
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. Land Trust Days discussion of potential event ideas. A. Fox will reach out to Kate Sayles (RI Land Trust Council) to share ideas.

New Business: None.

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 August 29, 2022 RRPLT meeting.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda; signage replacement at Scudder.

Adjourn: R. Swanson motioned to adjourn. A. Bryson 2nd. All ayes. 7:50 PM

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