

**Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
September 16, 2019
7:00 P.M. Town Hall**

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

Call to Order: 7:10 P.M.

Roll Call: S.Paton, R. Anderson, J.Beuth, S. Lacey (ex-officio), J. Davenport, A. Fox
Not Present: D. Poyer, R. Swanson, N. Hess (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes:

J.Beuth motioned to approve the July Minutes as amended, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes. There were no Executive Session Minutes from July 2019.

Communications:

S. Paton shared an email from Land Trust Council regarding various workshops throughout the fall. She will share with the board via email. She also reported that there has been a change to freshwater wetland regulation. S. Paton will review.

Approval of Invoices for payment:

YCL work day, from August 1 - \$600 to be paid. J. Davenport motioned to approve, J. Beuth 2nd, All ayes.

S. Paton shared she purchased silt fencing for Operation Spadefoot to help mitigate toads from entering the corn fields at the Scudder Preserve. The fencing cost \$121.94. J. Beuth motioned to reimburse S. Paton, A. Fox 2nd. All ayes.

S. Paton purchased cider donuts and cider for Land Trust event, totaling \$83.50. J. Beuth motioned to reimburse S. Paton, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes.

Public Forum: J. Shekarchi, owner and developer of the Tug Hollow property located at AP 1D Lot 12, was in attendance. The development project calls for 5 acres of developed area, and the remaining ~24 acres to be donated to Land Trust. J. Beuth raised concern of any water-related responsibilities with town in regards to pond and stream located on property. R. Anderson motioned to accept the donation of ~24 acres, J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes.

Old Business

1. Member Reports

- a. S. Paton received donations from 20 individuals, totalling \$230. A. Fox will look into online cards with Land Trust photography. S. Paton shared we are getting low on vests, A. Fox will write thank yous and send vests.
- b. J. Beuth provided an update on hunting. Got applications from several people who hunted Salia previously. Will share applications for approval and will sign 5 Permits for the Salia Property on behalf of RRPLT.

2. Land Trust Brochure discussion

- a. A. Fox provided update and shared new iteration of brochure. Members will review and provide feedback.

3. **Stewardship Committee discussion**
 - a. Tabled.
4. **Policy for Land Purchases**
 - a. Tabled.

New Business:

1. **Tug Hollow Land Donation Acceptance**
 - a. Discussed in Public Forum.
2. **Budget Update/ Purchase of Supplies**
 - a. Discussed in Approval of Invoices for Payment.
3. **Land Trust Event for September 14th, 2019**
 - a. S. Paton provided update -- 38 people attended. Overall, the event was a great success. The board did a post-mortem and discussed lessons learned. Gabby Woodford, DEM Education, lives in the town of Richmond. The board expressed interest in asking her to join the Land Trust. Other lessons included better communication with the Land Trust Council who is in charge of getting information about the event correct. Next time the board should bring a donation jar. Lastly, parking and fire safety issues should be thought through before the event takes place, or is scheduled.
4. **Open Space Grant Application**
 - a. J. Beuth motioned to prepare the grant for purchase of the Old Mountain Property. R. Anderson 2nd, all ayes.
5. **Board Contact Information Sheet**
 - a. Tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO R.I. GEN. LAWS SECTION AS AMENDED 1956, CHAPTER 42-46-5(a)(2) SESSIONS PERTAINING TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING OR LITIGATION AND CHAPTER 42-46-5(a)(5) TO DISCUSS ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR PUBLIC PURPOSES.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda

R. Anderson motioned to adjourn, J. Beuth 2nd, all ayes.

Adjourn: 9:04 PM

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*Respectfully,
Alye Fox, Clerk RKPLT*