

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

October 3rd, 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: R. Anderson, A. Bryson, R. Swanson, J. Davenport, A. Fox, D. Poyer (trustee emeritus)

Absent: S. Paton, S. Lacey (ex-officio)

Approval of Minutes:

1. August 29, 2022 Minutes

R. Swanson motioned to approve minutes, J. Davenport 2nd. All ayes. R. Anderson - abstain.

Communications:

- a. S.Paton was contacted by Paul St. Amand who has offered to donate a 1959 map of Richmond drawn by his grandfather George Matteson.
- b. The RRPLT received a request for all correspondence related to the Chan property boundary incursion by the abutting landowner. S. Paton is compiling information to provide to the Town Administrator.

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. S.Paton met with The Nature Conservancy to discuss the memorial fund for Zach Friedland and potential opportunities in Richmond. S. Paton is following up on a few possible ideas for a memorial. No additional news at this point.

2. Budget Update

Three donations received since the last meeting. A total of \$200 was deposited in

the unrestricted account. Thank you letters were sent by S. Paton.

3. Town Planner Report - none.
4. Stewardship Subcommittee Update
 - a. Discussion of requests for hunting permits for land trust properties. Five applications received for the Saila Preserve; the same applicants as last year.
 - b. Discussion of eagle scout projects at Crawley and possibly Kenyon. R. Swanson updated the board on recent clearing of trails at Crawley with scouts. A. Bryson received an eagle scout referral from the South Kingstown Land Trust looking for a project. R. Swanson will compile a list of preserve needs. A. Bryson shared that she and a volunteer removed invasive plants around the Scudder Preserve sign. D. Poyer will look into quotes for signage replacement.
 - c. Saila - trail grant contract award was approved by the Town Council on September 6th and signed by Town Manager Karen Pinch September 7th 2022. Awaiting fully executed copy back from RIDEM.
 - d. Update on trail map development - 'Bad elf' points - support from planning and potential to contract for map making. D. Poyer will check in with S. Lacey and M. Hutchinson on map status.
 - e. Overall stewardship needs for existing trails - Kenyon and Stetson preserves could use some trail clearing and general maintenance.
5. Property Acquisition Subcommittee Update
 - a. J. Davenport shared that the subcommittee met and reviewed properties. Will be meeting with Joanne Riccitelli on how to approach landowners.
6. Communications / Outreach Subcommittee Update
 - a. A. Fox provided an update on Land Trust Days discussion of potential event ideas and will follow up and coordinate with Laken Ganoë regarding a presentation for our annual land trust days event.
 - b. Continued discussion of signage replacement at the Scudder Preserve - previously discussed under "4b"
 - c. Update on trail map development - support from Planning and potential contract.

New Business:

1. Review of Land Trust Rules on the Town of Richmond website and board discussion on updating.
Tabled until next meeting for adequate review.

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 October 3, 2022 Land Trust meeting.

Next Agenda:

1. Review Items for next agenda - continue to review land trust rules

R. Swanson motioned to adjourn the meeting, A. Bryson 2nd, all ayes.

Adjourn: 6:28PM

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