

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust  
October 7, 2019  
5:30 P.M. Town Hall

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

**Call to Order:** 5:35 PM

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

**Approval of Minutes:** R. Anderson motioned to approve the September Minutes as amended, S. Paton 2nd. All Ayes. S. Paton motioned to approve the September Executive Session as amended, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes.

**Communications:** S. Paton shared update on dues (membership) for the Land Trust Council, an organization that the RRPLT receives a lot of benefits from being part of. The Council is asking for \$125 for the annual membership. R. Anderson motioned to pay \$125 fee for LTC membership, R. Swanson 2nd. All Ayes.

S. Paton shared that the Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association's Wild & Scenic Rivers have new representatives and points of contact. They are Peter August and Thomas McCormick.

Jim Turek, Richmond Conservation Commission, received a grant to perform a Beaver River assessment in order to improve water quality and habitat. S. Lacey shared an update from the kick off meeting for this assessment.

S. Lacey shared information on non-point source pollution grants via DEM with flooding on agriculture, BMPs, offering a match commitment of 60/40. S. Paton suggested the potential of applying grants supporting aquatic health and water crossings. The grant cycle is annual.

The board discussed the Beaver River Solar Development. S. Lacey shared that the Town Council sought input from the Planning Board on how to limit solar sprawl. The Planning Board recommended solar be restricted to non-residential zones. Would not preclude accessory farm - 50,000 sq. lot coverage - applying for a solar development. Developers would need to have at least 11 contiguous acres to pursue a solar project. Though, the ordinances would not apply to solar projects currently in application process; Beaver River Road and Woodville Road.

**Approval of Invoices for payment:** None.

**Public Forum:** None.

**Old Business**

**1. Member Reports**

- a. S. Paton motioned for A. Fox to design and purchase thank you card stock and spend up to \$100. R. Swanson 2nd. All ayes.

**2. Land Trust Brochure discussion**

- a. The board suggested adding an email, perhaps a gmail account for the RRPLT. A. Fox will ask Karen Pinch if we can get an email with the town, as an alternative. Was suggested to nix the phone number on the brochure.
  - b. Board decided to hold off on printing brochure until new properties are onboarded.
  - c. Text hard to read -- black vs white
- 3. Stewardship Committee discussion**
- a. Discussion of dead trees and limbs coming down on properties. S. Paton suggested setting time aside in November to do tree check.
- 4. Policy for Land Purchases**
- a. Tabled to November.

**New Business:**

1. Open Space Grant Application for Land Acquisition
  - a. Discussed in Executive Session
2. Board Contact Information Sheet

R. Swanson for executive session, R. Anderson 2nd. All ayes

**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.**

S. Paton motioned to enter into a modified Purchase and Sales Agreement for the purpose of a property discussed in executive session for amount agreed upon. R. Swanson 2nd, All ayes.

R. Anderson motioned to authorize a complete appraisal for property discussed in executive session. J. Davenport 2nd.

**Next Agenda:**

1. Review Items for next agenda

Motion to adjourn. Anderson. J. Davenport 2nd.

**Adjourn: 7:40 PM**

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*Respectfully submitted,*

*Ayla Fox*

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Clerk, RRPLT*