

**Foster Land Trust Minutes  
December 4, 2007**

Foster Land Trust (FLT)  
Benjamin Eddy Building  
South Killingly Road  
Foster, RI 02825

Meeting called to order 7:09 p.m.

In attendance: Linda Tibbetts, Chair; John Neale, Walter May; Kristen Cole, Myra Mercier. Lucy Minturn and Karen Mueller were excused

**Minutes:** For November, approved as read. (Motion to approve by W. May, seconded by M. Mercier, approved 5-0.) The August minutes are still pending from George Christie.

**Financial activities and reports:** W. May reported that the FLT had received \$1,320.10 from conveyance monies as of the last reporting. He stated that the last two months were down. There was a short discussion of the DEM grant and what was included with that. No action taken.

**Liaison reports:** J. Neale reported that Route 6 rezoning workshops are ongoing with the Planning Board. Nodes for development of multi-use zoning have been identified and ordinances are being prepared. These will be coordinated with the Affordable Housing regulations. A timetable for hearings and information sessions will be scheduled in January. M. Mercier indicated that the Affordable Housing Committee would be meeting soon.

**Property activities, reports, stewardship, and management plan decisions:** W. May indicated ongoing activity with the window repair and he is working with the Town Planner, Ann-Marie Ignasher, on surveys for FLT properties. Some research was necessary and the Planner will check what is already registered. Frank Lusignan will be establishing a Scout project that will involve land markers and locations. Hopefully GPS information can be used to accurately identify locations of bounds. The Chair requested members to keep alert for property which becomes available that abuts FLT properties. This would possibly allow for better access to FLT sites.

**Old Business:** Serious discussion took place over the management plans for the Tikkanen and Hayfield properties. The Board members went over the paperwork for the RFPs, Specifications sheet, the Condition for Proposals, and the Contractor's list. Suggestions were made and incorporated on the letter going out as a RFP. W. May will be the contact person for this project representing the Land Trust. J. Neale moved, seconded by K. Cole to accept all paperwork as amended. Motion passed 5-0. The Chair will rewrite the RFP and submit to Anne Irons, Town Clerk, for publication in the Observer. A copy will be sent to the Foster Home Journal for inclusion in January's issue. The Board came up with a list of six parties to contact for proposals. W. May will take the other paperwork and make packets for those interested parties. If members know

of anyone else who may be of interest, have them contact W. May. For Stewardship, signage is needed for DEM acknowledgement and Nature Conservancy acknowledgement. Members will be looking at wording needed as well as an option of multiple small signs on the same posts. Colors and textures are to be determined. The RI Land Trust Council has provided a resolution concerning the State Open Space Bond. It was moved by W. May, seconded by M. Mercier to resolve to support the 2008 Open Space Protection Bond. This will be put in writing and forwarded to the Town Council for endorsement. This motion passed 5-0. Copies will be sent to our local representatives for their support.

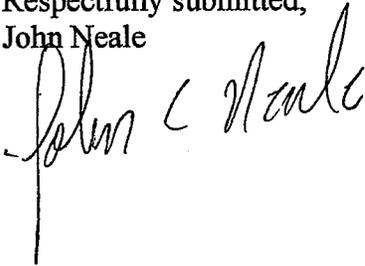
**New Business:** The Land Trust will not put in a Capital Budget request for FY 08-09. The Board relies on funds from the conveyance tax. W. May asked to maintain level funding for the Operational Budget for FY 08-09. Motion was made by J. Neale, seconded by K. Cole to maintain level funding for FY 08-09. Passed 5-0

**Correspondence:** There was no correspondence to report.

**Executive Session [pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5) re: acquisitions]:** K. Cole, seconded by M. Mercier, made a motion to go into executive session. Passed by all.

**Resumed open meeting:** Due to ongoing negotiations, a motion was made by J. Neale, seconded by K. Cole, passed by all, to seal the minutes of the executive session. The next meeting of the Foster Land Trust will be at 7:00 p.m., January 8, 2008, at the Foster Public Library. Motion made and approved to adjourn at 9:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
John Neale

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John C. Neale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.