

**Foster Land Trust Minutes**  
**July 1, 2008**

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

Meeting called to order 7:00 p.m.

**In attendance:** Linda Tibbetts, Chair; Walter May; Kristen Cole; Myra Mercier; Lucy Minturn; John Neale

**Minutes:** For May approved as written. There are no minutes for June since no meeting was held.

**Contract for haying:** The contract wording was modified by Town Planner Ann-Marie Ignasher. L. Tibbetts signed the revised contract; Gordon Rogers' signature is still pending.

In exchange for the haying, G. Rogers has pledged labor/equipment to maintain Land Trust properties. There was debate about how the promised labor should be allotted. Trustees will inspect the properties and come to the August meeting with suggestions about work that needs to be done. These suggestions will also be used as a basis for property management plans.

**Corporate forms & changes:** Change in board name from **Town of Foster Land Trust** to **Foster Land Trust** will take effect on filing.

**Community service project:** The DMV referred a traffic violator to complete a community service project for FLT. This person has cleared brush at the property on Moosup Valley Road, and will do more work at the Tikkanen property to complete the required service.

**Property use regulations:** There is currently nothing posted at the properties to indicate hours of use, types of use, etc. The Board must develop regulations to be posted on the Town web site, the future FLT web site, and also at the physical locations. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Hayfield management:** W. May located two property borders (North and West) so that the perimeter may now be identified. He also found places to post signage. The abutting property may be owned by RI DEM.

**Other management plans:** At the next meeting, the Board will review and update management plans for the properties.

**Abutters:** Neighbors to the property on East Killingly Road have noticed people walking on this property. They called town hall to ask about use regulations (see previous item). They also identified the boundary marker at the border near the RI DEM property, and identified a place to locate signage. Since the land was given in memory of James Newsome, FLT may officially identify this land as the Newsome property, and add signage to this effect. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Financial:** W. May reported that most of the money designated for maintenance in 2007-08 was spent by the June 30 deadline as required.

**Grants:** Nothing to report at this time.

**Public relations:** General discussion about whether to include an informational booth about FLT at next year's Old Home Days celebration (it's too late for this year). There was also a suggestion from a member of the public in attendance (Ron Cervasio) to allow BMX biking competitions at one of the FLT properties. These items may be discussed at a future meeting.

**Liaison reports:** J. Neale reports that Planning Board informational meetings to discuss re-zoning will continue in the fall. No issues from Housing Board or Conservation Commission.

**Correspondence:** Notices of the impending property revaluations have been received.

**Executive session, pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5) re: acquisitions:** There was no executive session.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5 in the Eddy building.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen Cole