

**Foster Land Trust Minutes
December 2, 2008**

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

Meeting called to order 7:10 p.m.

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

Minutes: For September approved as written by unanimous vote. No meetings were held in October or November.

Management plan for Hopkins property: L. Tibbetts received comments from RI DEM with suggestions to amend/improve the plan; however the plan currently meets minimum requirements and will not hold up the grant.

Hopkins closing: W. May moves to name K. Cole as back-up signatory for the Dec. 6 closing in the event that L. Tibbetts cannot attend. J. Neale seconded, motion passed by unanimous vote.

Property reports/activities: W. May reports sufficient quantities of witch hazel on the Schneider and La Polla properties for harvest; there is not much on the Sainio or Hayfield properties right now. J. Neale moved that FLT grant permission to begin harvesting the witch hazel at the Schneider and La Polla properties, pending a signed agreement and proof of insurance from H. Congdon of Connecticut who will handle the harvesting. Second from M. Mercier, motion passed unanimously. Walter will draw up a contract and contact Mr. Congdon.

Spencer property: FLT will need to trim around the pond this spring; the Board may decide to use some of its credit with Mr. Rodgers for this purpose.

Hayfield/Tikkanen properties: Received soil sample results; discussed using chicken manure vs. organic fertilizer on these properties. The Board agreed to explore costs (John and Walter will check into this) to see which is more cost-effective. Fertilizing will take place in spring; FLT will revise the management plans for these properties to allow for fertilizing.

Liaison reports: Planning Board: J. Neale reports that the Planning Board created an informational presentation recommending closing parts of Hemlock and Ponagansett roads to save the town money on plowing, grading, and bridge replacement. The Planning Board is wrestling with the issue of outdoor boilers. The boilers appear to be fine to use as long as people are using them properly and burning clean, dry wood. J. Neale reports

there is a proposal on the table to create a subdivision on North Road at Kennedy and Cucumber Hill. There were no liaison reports from Housing Board or Conservation Commission.

Correspondence: The Land Trust Alliance is offering easement insurance; the Board is not interested at this time. The Rhode Island Land Trust Council and Watershed Partnership are soliciting topics for an upcoming summit to be held at URI.

Executive session, pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5), re: acquisitions:
K. Cole made a motion to go into executive session; second from J. Neale. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6 in the Eddy building.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristen Cole