Foster Land Trust Minutes
February 5, 2008

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.
In attendance: Linda Tibbetts, Chair; Walter May; Kristen Cole; Myra Mercier; Lucy Minturn; John Neale. Karen Mueller regretfully has resigned from the Board and was not present.

Minutes: For January, minutes approved as presented. (Motion to approve by M. Mercier, seconded by L. Minturn, approved 6-0.)

Opening of Haying Proposals, discussion: The Chair opened the packet of proposals that had been advertised by the FLT. Each was read to the Board Members prior to any discussion. Two proposals were for both properties and one was in regards to the "Tikkanen" property. During the discussion, W. May indicated that six packets had been requested and sent out. During the general discussion, W. May read both the proposal format and the proposal specifications for the wording used by the FLT. There was a need to clarify the question of sub-contracting approval by the FLT as opposed to simple notification. We discussed the three proposals referencing the specifications and the exchange of labor for the hay. The Chair gave a brief synopsis of past history of these fields for the new members' knowledge. After an exchange on procedure, it was decided to: seek some clarification, make a decision/acceptance, and a contract would be written and signed. W. May would check with the respondents over clarification of members' concerns, the Chair would send proposal copies to all members, questions would go to W. May, L. Minturn to begin to write final proposal. A special meeting would be called, if needed.

Reports and Activities: Properties - L. Minturn is trying to get sign samples for us. We will attempt to have a decision by June, due to budgetary constraints. Members discussed paperwork on criteria for management plans. We will submit revised management plans utilizing soil enhancements in lieu of fertilizers. The Board reviewed a request by USDA to do a wildlife survey on a property. This involves an insect trap for Pine Tree beetles. Motion made by W. May, seconded by L. Minturn to approve

the motion, conditional on the FLT receiving results specific to our property. Approved 6-0. **Financial** - W. May indicated $2,068 had been received for the last conveyance tax transfer. An operational budget for FY 08/09 was submitted. He will clarify the quarterly report with R. Rossi. **PR** - L. Minturn will attempt to set up web site visits with highlights from other web sites. Members can then decide good/bad, etc., for our web page.

Liaison Reports - Planning Board - J. Neale reported on the Rte. 6 rezoning workshops and the final plans for commercial nodes along Rte. 6. Also, Block Island used a lottery system with restrictions for their Affordable Housing developments. The PB will look into this for Foster. Affordable Housing - M. Mercier reported that the Housing Board had completed their revised regulations and they were going to the PB for them to OK. Conservation Commission - L. Minturn has been elected Chair of the Conservation Commission. They will be concentrating on environmental constraints and encouraging more dialog with the Land Trust.

Correspondence: The Chair submitted a quarterly report to the Town Council. The NRI Consortium has a meeting scheduled for April. The Land & Water Summit is scheduled for March 15th at URI. Glocester has passed a Conservation Development ordinance and the Glocester Land Trust provided us with a copy. There is a survey out for Statewide Planning. An article was presented on Open Space Management.

Executive Session, pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5), re: acquisitions
L. Minturn moved, K. Cole seconded, to move into executive session. All approved.

Resume Open Meeting - L. Minturn moved, W. May seconded, to return to open meeting. Approved 6-0. The minutes of executive session are sealed due to ongoing negotiations. Future agenda items include Election of Officers and appointment of a new member. We will discuss the FLT criteria that will be passed on to the Town Council. Next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2008 at 7:00 PM.

Moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM

John C. Neale

Respectfully submitted, John C. Neale