Foster Land Trust Minutes
April 1, 2008

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

Meeting called to order at 6:00 P.M.
In attendance: Linda Tibbetts, Chair; Myra Mercier; John Neale; Lucy Minturn; Walter May; Kristen Cole.

Executive Session, pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5), re: acquisitions
As posted on the Board's agenda, the Land Trust began in executive session to meet with guests regarding ongoing negotiations. A general discussion took place with clarification of details and some changes. Motion made by L. Minturn, seconded by W. May to seal the minutes of the Executive Session until a formal closing. Motion passed 6-0. A general discussion of property, possible sale of the Providence Water Supply Board, etc. then took place. The Board segued into an exchange on management plans and where the FLT now stood. No action taken.

Return to Open Session - The Land Trust Board returned to open session. Motion made by L. Minturn, seconded by J. Neale to proceed to open session. All in favor 6-0.

General Meeting-The regular meeting of the Foster Land Trust was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Chair, with all members above present.

Minutes - The minutes for Feb., 2008 were presented. Motion made by L. Minturn, seconded by K. Cole to amend the minutes. Passed 6-0. Motion made by M. Mercier, seconded by L. Minturn to accept the minutes as amended. All in favor. Motion made by M. Mercier, seconded by J. Neale, to accept the minutes of Aug. 7, 2007. Motion passed 4-0, K. Cole and L. Minturn abstained.

Election of Officers - A motion was made by W. May, seconded by J. Neale to elect the following slate of Officers; Linda Tibbetts - Chair, Myra Mercier - Vice Chair, Walter May - Treasurer, Kristen Cole - Secretary. This motion passed 6-0.

Haying proposals - The Chair discussed all three proposals in a general manner. Motion made by K. Cole, seconded by L. Minturn, to open discussion. Passed 6-0. After discussion, it was moved to accept the proposal of GTH Bobcat Services, offered by Gordon Rodgers, for a five year maintenance/haying agreement. Moved by L. Minturn, seconded by K. Cole. All in favor. W. May will send letters to the respondents. L. Minturn will write a contract according to the RFP. Steve Riccio was present and was thanked personally by the Chair for his family's past efforts.

Board Capacity Building - The Board discussed a recruiting drive for an additional member. Recommendations could be made to the Town Council.

Reports and Activities - Under properties, we looked at signs brought in by Lucy. These are sandblasted PVC, painted, low maintenance. Several layouts will be made. We then discussed working with the Conservation Commission on getting maps and overlays for joint usage. Under financial, W. May updated the Board on moneys in the conveyance account and the status of our operational account. Under Public Relations, L. Minturn discussed us having our own site versus a page/links on the Foster Town site. This will be revisited at a later date. The Board then discussed the question of a program to visit our properties, perhaps twice a year for a walk, talk, trail opening, or some other activity.

Liaison Reports - The Conservation Commission is running ads for upcoming activities. These include the bat/birdhouse workshop, Garbage pick-up day with support from the DPW, and revising by-laws. A joint report was given on the presentation by R. Blodgett of the PWSB for closing portions of two roads in Foster. J. Neale updated the Board on the Rte. 6 rezoning efforts and the planned timetable.

Correspondence - Correspondence to the FLT included paperwork from Leo Blais, Open Space Bonds, 501(c) guidelines, and a letter from the Northeast Land Trust consortium.

The next meeting of the Foster Land Trust was set for May 13, 2008.

Moved to adjourn at 8:45

Respectfully submitted,

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