

Foster Land Trust Minutes
October 6, 2009

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

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

In attendance: Myra Mercier, Vice-Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier; Chris Iozzi. Linda Tibbetts and John Neale were absent.

Minutes: W. May moved to accept the September minutes (regular and executive sessions) with no changes. B. Fortier seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship: Walter reported that he cut brush at the Spencer property with a person who was assigned community service. He also worked with J. Neale to anchor the picnic table, which had been thrown into the pond twice over the past several weeks.

Sainio: Walter reports the witch hazel harvest continues; FLT should receive a check for the harvest to date next month.

Reports & activities: Walter reports that he received three months of statements from the Town treasurer; however this did not include bank statements. He will follow up with her again to make sure that all of the statements are forwarded.

Walter also discussed municipal bonds with the Town treasurer; FLT is not yet ready to purchase bonds but is preparing her for the eventuality as she seems hesitant to proceed once we make the decision. There is some question about her familiarity with municipal bonds.

Public relations: There was general discussion about the FHJ articles. Everyone agreed the content of the first article is fine, and K. Cole is set to submit it for publication. Future articles may run bi-monthly or quarterly since it takes some time to create the articles and distribute them to all of the FLT members for comment.

Liaison reports: C. Iozzi reports the Conservation Commission will host a presentation about the Asian Longhorn Beetle in November. He also announced that the town has hired a new recycling coordinator, Louis Vinagro, with grant funding. Part of the coordinator's responsibilities includes boosting the participation rates for recycling town-wide to reduce trash hauling costs. There has been discussion within the Conservation Commission about recommending a "no bin, no barrel" policy to boost recycling participation rates.

Housing: M. Mercier reports that the Housing Board met with the Planning Board to discuss affordable housing regulations; there will soon be meetings held throughout the state to discuss.

B. Fortier made a motion to go into Executive session, **pursuant to RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(5), re: acquisitions**, to discuss a proposal regarding development rights. W. May seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 3 in the Eddy building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole