

Foster Land Trust
Tuesday, October 5, 2010
Foster Center Library

Nota Bene – Meeting location was changed from published site. This was due to a power failure that prohibited use of the Ben Eddy building. Members waited until 7:15 pm to move in order to accommodate/notify late arriving citizens.

Call to Order – Treasurer Walt May called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Members present were Walter May, Bill Fortier, Chris Iozzi, and John Neale. A volunteer to our Board, Dennis Therrien was also in attendance. Excused were Linda Tibbitts, Myra Mercier, and Kristen Cole.

Minutes – Minutes were tabled on a motion by John Neale, seconded by Bill Fortier. This passed by a 4-0 vote.

Reports/Activities – Walter read a letter from the Town Council to the Chair, Linda Tibbitts. It explained to the Board that a financial cut of \$138.50 would be enacted for the ongoing fiscal year. Our budget will be \$2681.50, of which \$2000.00 is committed. Under financial, Walter is still waiting for a check of \$125,000.00 to be received/posted to our account. This will be from DEM and regards the Grass property.

Kristen Cole arrives.

Stewardship – Walt May reported on the baseline study being done on the Hopkins property. Walter will undergo this first and then we will have a workshop training session where others will be trained by Walter. It includes identification of wetlands, various trees, and utilization of pictures and GPS to mark areas of interest or concern. Mr. Therrien received proper credit for the replacement of the sign at the Spencer property. He has been assisting in doing maintenance at our properties. This is exciting since he responded to our PR articles from the FHJ. Signage will begin soon on the Grass property. This will be undertaken by Bill Fortier, Walter May and Dennis Therrien.

Public Relations – There is nothing to report at this time.

Grants – There was nothing new to report at this time. Some discussion of the open space bond issue coming up in the November election.

Liaison reports – Chris Iozzi is now the Chair of the Conservation Commission. There have been several resignations, as well as new appointments. They are re-organizing to set out new group activities and priorities. The Planning Board will be looking for input on the Comprehensive Plan. This needs to be redone by September, 2011.

Correspondence – Walter referred to a pamphlet from “The Trust” that several members received. There was a reference back to the letter received from the Town Council.

Future Agenda items – Next scheduled meeting conflicts with election night, Nov. 2, 2010. We will allow the Chair to make alternate arrangements.

By consensus, members took time to go over the minutes that were provided by the Secretary, Kristen Cole. After reading time and discussion, it was moved by John Neale, seconded by Chris Iozzi, to

accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed 5-0.

Move to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully,

John C. Neale