

**Foster Land Trust Minutes**  
**February 2, 2010**

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

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

**Minutes:** From January not ready for review; we will table until the next meeting.

**Correspondence:** Walter received a letter from RI Interlocal Risk Management Trust (the insurer for FLT); FLT has received \$1,000 from the insurers' safety enhancement grant program and the Board is invited to an award luncheon on March 11 to officially accept it. The grant allows FLT to purchase protective safety equipment for its volunteers. Walter and Myra will attend the luncheon.

Linda received a letter from the RI Land Trust Council asking for 2010 dues, **but the exact amount due was not listed. Linda will request a new bill that includes the amount due.**

Linda also received notice of the RILTC Land & Water Summit taking place on March 27. **FLT Board members will decide individually whether to attend, requesting reimbursement from the FY09/10 budget.**

**Financial/budget/insurance:** FLT is requesting level-funding in this year's budget request to the Town. Walter is getting a quote for this year's insurance premiums; those are not expected to go up more than \$100. He also reports that the Treasurer's reports are now up to date.

The FLT capital and stewardship accounts are in good shape; there is enough on hand to process the first payment if the closing for the property on Shippee Schoolhouse Road is held before summer.

**Public relations:** There was discussion around posting the January article (outlining all of the FLT properties) to the Town Web site; Kristen will send the article to John Lewis with cc to Myra. The next article is due soon.

2009 Grant progress update: There will be a subdivision hearing before the Planning Board on March 17 for the property on Shippee Schoolhouse Road.

There was discussion about the RI DEM Trail Grant; FLT is applying for the Heavy Motorized Equipment Grant to include the following items:

- 25 hp diesel 4WD tractor w/loader bucket, backhoe, & brush hog
- Chain saw
- Pole saw
- Transport chain
- Ratcheting load binder
- Brush grubber
- Cargo trailer for hauling & storage

John made a motion to approve the grant for submission; Myra seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

John made another motion to list Linda and Walter as authorized representatives for the grant; Myra seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

There was discussion about compiling and submitting a trails grant for the Hopkins property, but that grant would be contingent on receiving the Heavy Motorized Equipment Grant.

FLT will apply for a small trails grant soon to work on the Ponagansett River Trails (Hopkins property) to repair erosion, and the Spencer property to repair the handicapped-access trail. Walter made a motion to that effect, and Myra seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Linda will be authorized person listed for that grant submission.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 2 in the Eddy building.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole