

**Foster Land Trust minutes**  
**August 2, 2011**

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

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

**Minutes:** There were no minutes ready from the last meeting.

**Financial Reports/activities:**

- There is a \$20 non-profit organization fee due to the RI Secretary of State's office.
- The insurance bill has not yet arrived.
- Walter sent notices to the bidders of the Spencer survey; Scituate Survey has begun work.

**Stewardship:**

- **DelVecchio:** Walter requests that the property transfer/conservation easement be completed by Sept. 30, so that we can take advantage of the witch hazel harvest. This will also allow time for Walter to work with the surveyor to identify some boundaries before fall/winter.
- **DelVecchio:** There was discussion around obtaining a forest management plan for the property. We would want to make provisions for removing standing deadwood and harvesting live trees in the plan. These plans cost about \$1,500, and we may be able to obtain a grant to pay for part or the entire plan. Linda will get estimates and timeframes for creating a plan, and will look into possible grants for the next meeting.

**Public relations:**

- Linda submitted an article to the Foster Home Journal to publicize the "Crew in your community" event; she will also submit to the Greenville Observer and they may be able to include a photo.
- The Rhode Island Land Trust Council is looking to establish a "land trust week" to take place in summer or fall each year. This year, they want to hold some type of event in October that will involve as many land trust organizations as possible. Future events may be held in the summer. There was discussion about having a bonfire with ghost story reading at the Hayfield property as FLT's contribution to the event. We would have to involve the South Foster Fire Co. to help with this. This type of event might really appeal to families. It's also possible to host an astronomy event, also at Hayfield, and this would be less complicated. Kristen will get some info around the bonfire idea for the next meeting.

**Misc:**

- Walter invited the Board to "Leapfest", a parachuting competition to be held at URI on Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Military parachutists from around the world will arrive to compete. Admission is free.
- Linda was named Foster's Woman of the Year at Old Home Days this year. Congratulations Linda, and many thanks for all that you do!!

**Liaison Reports:**

- **Housing:** Myra reports that the Housing Board is working on revisions to the town comprehensive plan.

Walter made a motion (with second from Kristen) to go into executive session to discuss a potential property acquisition. The motion passed unanimously and executive session began at 8:05.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Sept. 6 at 7:00 in the Eddy building.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole