

**Foster Land Trust minutes**  
**March 6, 2012**

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:** Walter made a motion to accept the minutes from the February meeting (submitted by John Neale), there was a second from Myra and the motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports/activities:**

- Walter reports that FLT submitted a \$2,630 budget to the town.
- The next financial report from the town treasurer is due on April 19.

**Stewardship:**

- **Tikkanen/Hayfield:** Walter reports that in March, Tikkanen is scheduled to get 2.1 tons per acre of lime, and Hayfield is scheduled to get 2.5 tons per acre.
- **DelVecchio:** Questions about the deed discrepancies are with The Nature Conservancy attorney. We are still waiting on the transfer of the conservation easement. Boundaries are still fuzzy since they are not well marked; we may be able to find them using GPS. We will look into obtaining GPS units after the Spencer survey is completed. We will work with the **North-South Trail Council** to see if there are better trail routes thru here.
- **Grass:** West border (near the house) may be the best place for a trail; the northeast corner is not appropriate, and beyond the pond (east) it's very rocky.
- **Spencer:** It's possible that the bench will be installed this month, weather permitting.

There were no liaison reports.

**Public relations:**

- There is a trail walk scheduled at the Spencer property on May 5 as part of the Blackstone Tourism Council's Tour Rhode Island; we will start a trail clean-up project next month. The trail walk will go to the pond; but we will offer an extended walk for those who are prepared. It's possible that we expand the walk to the Hopkins property time permitting.
- Land Trust Days: It was decided to host a trail walk event at Hopkins on Aug. 18. Kristen will get this information over to the Land Trust Council and will act as the contact for them.

**Charter review:**

- Bob Boyden submitted revised language for Section 10.17 Land Use Conveyance Tax to the effect that FLT be required to submit a budget each year so that the town has oversight to how those funds are being spent; Kristen made a motion to accept the new language with a second from Walter. The motion passed unanimously.

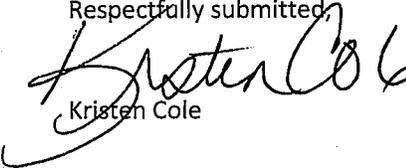
**U.S. Forest Service Grant:** Deadline is coming up fast; Walter made a motion to aggressively pursue the grant for the purposes exploring purchase of the remaining Sainio lot. Myra seconded and the motion

passed unanimously. If the remaining Sainio lot can be obtained, FLT can have Tom Woods Road abandoned and therefore blocked for any development (and corresponding improvement costs for the town).

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on April 3 at 7:00 in the Eddy building.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen Cole