

**Foster Land Trust minutes
June 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, Sisan Smallman. Chris Iozzi was absent.

Minutes: The minutes from March & April will be reviewed at the next meeting. There was no meeting in May.

Financial Reports/activities:

- Walter reports there is \$130,750 in the capital account, with an outstanding liability for the Grass property of \$84,157.
- Final payment for the Spencer survey is \$1,043.
- Walter purchased a municipal bond of \$5,062 with 3.75% rate and maturity at 4/1/2025. After this purchase, the stewardship account stands at \$21,071. FLT currently has \$25,000 in muni bonds.
- FLT has received \$9,049 in conveyance taxes so far this year.

Member information packet:

- Linda will provide a binder of information about FLT properties to Sisan at the next meeting.

Stewardship:

- **Spencer:** The newly installed bench has been vandalized; the plaque was removed and the lettering was gouged out. The bench itself was partially dug out of the ground. Walter filed a report with Foster Police.
- **Hopkins:** There has been vandalism here too; ATV riders moved the large boulder that blocks the footpath. They also damaged some trees near the bridge apparently in retaliation for us moving the boulder back into place to block ATV access. There is some trash too. FLT will organize a clean-up sometime in July before the Land Trust Days event (scheduled for Aug. 18)
- **Hayfield:** GTH Bobcat Services augmented the soil at a cost of \$1,152.

Liaison reports:

- Myra reports that the Housing Board continues work on the comprehensive plan; affordable housing units are being addressed.
- Sisan reports that the Planning Board is also working on the comprehensive plan.

Public relations:

- Rob Cardeiro, Northeast Field Representative for the Land Trust Alliance, and Rupert Friday, Director of the RI Land Trust Council, came to the meeting to discuss the grant that FLT has been offered regarding enhancing land trust standards and practices.
- FLT is one of five land trusts in RI selected for this assistance. The goal is to help make FLT more efficient and effective, by assisting in identifying best practices and helping to put those in place.
- Some major goals that FLT has identified include: