

Foster Land Trust minutes
August 6, 2013

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

In attendance: Linda Los Tibbetts, Chair; Walter May, Treasurer; Kristen Cole, Secretary; Bill Fortier; Myra Mercier; and Mike Carpenter. Chris Iozzi was absent.

Minutes: The minutes from the July meeting were accepted with no changes.

Stewardship: At **Spencer** property, the grass and brush has been trimmed. Tom Boydon of the International Mountain Bike Association wanted to know if mountain biking is allowed at Spencer; yes it is allowed. He may be able to get us a grant to help maintain mountain biking trails there. Peter Gengler designs mountain biking trails and he may also be able to help. Walter will check into this and also will check the insurance coverage to make sure that is allowed. There was a general discussion about amenities to consider for the future – port-a-johns, security, equestrian access, facilities, and maintenance. Would we partner with DEM to implement these? Just something to consider for the future.

Hayfield is not cut yet. Walter spoke with John Tucker, who abuts the property at Hayfield, and got an agreement from him that FLT can get access to Hayfield thru his driveway, and it is OK to install a gate near the stone wall for FLT access only, not public access. Walter will send a written copy of the agreement to Board members.

Financial: Walter reports that the insurance premium has been paid. The Grass' request for \$30 for gas to mow the field around the pond has been approved. As of June 30 - \$36,569.68 in stewardship account; \$77,666.63 in capital account; and \$25,000 in bonds, with \$593.75 earned in interest since April.

Liaison reports: Myra reports that the Housing Board met during Old Home Days. They will be reviewing designs for affordable housing (tours). Mike reports that Planning has been reviewing the tentative plan from the Valentines for a new "village" development at the corner of Routes 6 and 94. This would potentially include a new library building and police station as well as commercial retail shops. He will have more to report next time.

Public Relations: Land Trust Days activities are taking place; FLT will participate with a guided walk at Spencer property on Sept. 14. This is in conjunction with an event at Border's Farm later that day. Linda and Kristen will lead the guided walk at Spencer. Kristen will submit a story for the next Foster Home Journal.

Correspondence: The Board agreed to send a letter to the Town Council sharing FLT minutes from the June executive session, where we discussed our position about the Town's negotiation with Providence Water Supply Board. The letter that Kristen drafted was approved, and will be sent this week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Cole