

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA

SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL

64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917

THURSDAY, February 4, 2016 7:00 P.M.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the **Smithfield Land Trust**. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation is needed, please contact the Smithfield Town Manager's Office at 401-233-1010 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting

AGENDA

At: 7:00 p.m. Meeting Called to Order-- Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification

- I. Minutes of the January 7, 2016 Meeting
 - a. Discussion and/or corrections
 - b. Vote to approve and adopt minutes

II. Executive Closed Session:

Motion to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to the following sections(s) of the Rhode Island General Laws:

42-46-5 (a)(5)-Real Estate: For any and all discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

42-46-5(a)(1)-Personnel Issues: For any and all discussions or considerations related to personnel

III. Reconvene into Open Public Session to announce any closed session votes as required to be disclosed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws: 42-46-4

IV. Treasurer’s report—

Jay

V. **Signs** for various properties-Type of Sign, Design, Rules Signs, DEM and Smithfield Land Trust Properties. We needed a couple of new “don’t do anything signs” large.

Updates **Cheryl**

VI. Update Projects in Process

1. Discussion of Management Plans for Properties and annual site visits:

Wolf Hill – see details below -Done

Jim Russell-Fall of 2016 **Cheryl, Kristen**

Hanton City/Audubon –Fall of 2016**Marc**

Hyde Tree Farm Annual visit Fall 2016**Barbara**

D’Angelo Family Farm Annual visit Fall 2016**Barbara**

Cavanagh Property – Annual Visit update 2016 **Steve**

Steere Orchard –Annual Visit update Visit Fall 2016 **Cheryl, Barbara**

Caroline E. Judson Trust Property/Signs/Annual visit 2016-
 Matteo Property Annual Site visit –2016
 Olivia’s Forest (Gallo) –Complete **Cub scouts** adopted
 Greenville Terrace—Scout clean up, mapping to be done **Marc**
 Mowry Homestead/Farmland site visit (quarterly Report)
 Blackbird Farm Fall of 2016 **Barbara**
 Latham Brook Reserve 2016 **Marc**

Properties from Developments—Volunteers to evaluate and visit these properties?

High Ridge (Stillwater Rd)?

Ryan Court –Site Visit

Clark Rd?—near new part of Blackbird Farm

2. **Trail Maps**— Grant to Print 2500 maps for Wolf Hill Spring 2016/our share?

3. **Scout Projects-**

4. **Mary Mowry House:** Report to Town Council. Chimney rebuild and Wood Stove being installed Update **Barbara**

5. **Mowry Farm:** New Chicken Coop, Farm program. Zoning allows up to 6 animals. No Dog park on property as voted last time. I notified the Dog park commission people
 Barbara

6. **WOLF HILL-**There is a state law about cutting trees on public property which is a criminal offense. We need to clarify this. It could mean a specific charge and investigation by the police into our Paul Bunyan Woodsman’s damage on Wolf Hill.
 Update Marc

7. **Volunteer Stewards-**Meetup We are up to 52 Stewards Update
Marc/Dilena

8. **Risk Management-** Update Marc

9. **Technical Review -**Update Don/Barbara

10. **Calendar: March 19, 2016 Land and Water Summit-** Registration for those who want to go.

Land Trust Days, two ideas RILTC would like us to host opening day (July 19?) at Wolf Hill (media etc), would like to suggest our Land Trust Days walk be at Hanton City (guided historic tour) maybe we can get Jim Ignasher to lead it or at least guide me and I will do it I am thinking third week of Sept?

11. **New Projects: Records Project:** We submitted our request to have RILTC and Land Trust Alliance help us get our records in order and have been accepted.

Baseline Documentation Project: URI class will give us a student to create this on a Property. This will tell us what is on our property, flora, fauna, rocks etc. Kristen

12. **Conservation** Commission News: Cheryl/Don

13. **Public Comment and Questions** 5 minutes

VII. Outstanding items/Correspondence/New Business/**Next Meeting March 3, 2016**

VIII. Move to Adjourn