

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA

SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL

64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917

THURSDAY, November 2, 2017 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

PLEASE NOTE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN CONFERENCE ROOM NEXT TO COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

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

- I.** Minutes of the Oct 5, 2017 meeting adopt minutes –
- II.** Welcome new member Steve Perrault and council Representative Paul Santucci

III. 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. Results of workshop with Town Council:

A. We now have a representative from the Council.

B. Mr Santucci recommended “tightening of ByLaws” This means Council should tell us what they want the wording to say, where the tightening should be and it goes to the Town Lawyer and then it has to be sent to the State Legislature for approval (my understanding but the attorney will tell us) I recommend we work on this in January.

- B. Attached is the Richmond Land Trust Land Evaluation form. Need a volunteer to work with this and our RAS form to create an evaluation form for us as well as figure out what we should put on it for Agricultural evaluations. Again, time line is for calendar 2018.
- C. Workshop evaluation from Land Trust members who were there.

VI. **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

VII. Update Projects in Process

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

Wolf Hill – see details below -Done
 Jim Russell-
 Hanton City/Audubon –
 Hyde Tree Farm Annual visit
 D’Angelo Family Farm Annual visit
 Cavanagh Property – Annual Visit
 Steere Orchard –Annual Visit update Visit
 Caroline E. Judson Trust Property/Signs/
 Matteo Property Annual Site visit
 Olivia’s Forest (Gallo) –
 Greenville Nature Reserve—Finish trail/Map **Marc**
 Mowry Homestead/Farmland site visit (quarterly Report)
 Blackbird Farm
 Latham Brook Preserve Annual Site Visit
 Olivia’s Forest Annual Site Visit

2. **Trail Maps**— Planning to submit grant from DEM for printing update
3. **Scout Projects-Other Projects on Properties:** Renee Finlay from Conservation is interested in finding places to plant native plants and will talk about her program at a future date. Good for our Wild life habitat rehabs on Wolf Hill? . **update**
4. **Grants**—updated USDA Grant for Booker property is with USDA in Washington and we await word on whether we get awarded the money. Barbara
5. **Mary Mowry House on Schedule-** report attached for third quarter will give to Town council date unkown at this writing. Barbara
6. **Mowry Farm:** Nothing new. Sheep are in the pen. Update
7. **WOLF HILL-** Update Baseline Documentation report and the Management report are posted on the Google Docs page.

8. **Volunteer Stewards-Meetup** Put out the call for Woonasquatucket watershed clean up day 10/22. I went and planted a meadowland Update **Marc/Dilena**

9. **Risk Management-** Update **Marc**
 10. **Technical Review** -Update **Don/Barbara**

11. **Calendar:..** update for projects planned Meeting dates attached for approval for 2018.

12. **Other Projects:** Property cleaning, parking areas **Judson** and **Russell**. Trails and Mapping for Judson discuss Jay's idea of moving the trail down the field. Looking at the survey map that means using Judson Right of way to get to the trail. We should make this clear. Jay, Barbara and Marc to set date for walk through.

13. **Conservation** Commission News: **Don**

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

VII. Outstanding items/Correspondence/New Business/**Next Meeting December 7, 2017**

VIII. Move to Adjourn