

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018 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

- I. Meeting Called to Order 7:00 PM
- II. Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification
- III. Minutes:
 - a. Moved that the minutes of the December 7, 2017 meeting be approved, as recorded.
- IV. Election of Officers for 2018
 - a. Proposed Slate: announced at meeting
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget report through prior month as it has been sent to us after our meeting. Creation of Funds budget for coming year and beyond including bond money left. (Jay)
- VI. Consider, discuss and act upon the 2018 January to June work plan. (To be handed out at the meeting).
- VII. Discuss update on signs
 - a. Marc is working on an inventory of signs. Included with each property report we will add what signs are needed on that property.
- VIII. Update Projects in Process
 - a. Discuss update of Management Plans and annual site visits for the following properties:
 - i. Blackbird Farm (Limerock Road- 50 acres conservation easement).
 - ii. Cavanaugh Property (Log Road- 12 acres conservation easement).
 - iii. Clark Road (105 Clark Rd – 22 acres own from development).
 - iv. D'Angelo Family Farm (Old County Road - 15 acres conservation easement).
 - v. Greenville Nature Reserve (Smith Avenue - 28 acres own from development).

1. Marc Mahoney site visit 11/5/17 – walked southern and western boundaries and both trails. Tree down on Red trail, additional bridge on yellow trail, blazing on red trail by Sophia Lane, need kiosk, and completion of trail map.
 - vi. Hanton City (Decotis Farm Road - 96 acres own)
 - vii. Hyde Tree Farm (Mann School Rd - 65 acres Conservation Easement/DEM)
 - viii. Hoar Farm (Austin Avenue 16 acres Conservation Easement)
 - ix. Caroline E Judson Trust Property (Williams Rd -56 acres own/DEM).
 1. Site Visit done November 5, 2017, by Barbara Rich, Marc Mahoney and Jay Leach working on trail maps and future markings. Large tree down just on the edge of the bridge. Steve Higgins and Peter Pare volunteered to cut up the tree and clear off bridge (no damage to the bridge). Parking sign damaged last winter needs to be replaced. Dave Sleboda is haying the property.
 - x. Latham Brook Preserve (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own)
 - xi. Matteo Farmland (Swan Rd – 50 acres own)
 - xii. Mowry Homestead/Mowry Farmland (Old Forge Rd/Farnum Pike 5 acres/15 acres own).
 - xiii. Olivia’s Forest (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development)).
 1. Site visit done 11/30/17 Jim Chase and Steve Perrault. Only comment was some evidence of Trail bike use. No problems encountered.
 - xiv. Pavao Plat (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).
 - xv. Jim Russell Property (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own).
 - xvi. Sasso Property (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement).
 - xvii. Sleboda Farm (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement)
 - xviii. Captain Elisha Steere Farm-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement).
 - xix. Steere Orchard (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement)
 - xx. Wolf Hill Forest Preserve (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)
- b. Consider, discuss and act on updating of Trail Maps based on two estimates.

- c. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties.
 - i. 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?
- d. Discuss updates on Grants.
 - i. We did not receive the 2012 USDA Grant. I spoke with Mr. Bachand and he indicated that there was an appeal program. What I would need would be definitive proof that Mr. Kenyon had given the ok to close on the purchase. While I had a meeting with Mr. Kenyon after we closed there was no written confirmation that we should move forward so I don't see an avenue to appeal. (Barbara)
- e. Discuss updates on Mary Mowry House Project.
 - i. Revive the Roots is working on next 5 year curatorship plan, including the porch and fundraising plans. Consider inviting them to the February meeting for a full board discussion. A proposed budget expectation for the property going forward will be presented at this meeting. (Barbara)
- f. Discuss updates on Volunteer Stewards (Marc/Dilena).
- g. Discuss updates on Risk Management (Marc).
- h. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)
- i. Discuss upcoming Calendar
 - i. Land and Water summit will be March 10, 2018
 - ii. Participation in Land Trust Days
- j. Discuss updates on Conservation Commission News (Don).

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Motion to convene into Closed Session:

- a. Consider, discuss and act upon matters pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 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.

XI. Reconvene into Open Public Session

XII. Announce any closed session votes required to be disclosed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws: 42-46-4

XIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting February 1, 2018