

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, April 5, 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 March 1, 2017 meeting be approved, as recorded.
- IV. Treasurer's report—Budget report from town hall as of 2/28/18
- V. By Laws Committee was created at our last meeting. We will plan to look at progress and discuss ideas at our June Meeting.
- VI. 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.
- VII. 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). **Annual site visit complete**. Sign needs to be installed.
 - v. **Greenville Nature Reserve** (Smith Avenue - 28 acres own from development). **Annual Site Visit Complete** Report of a trash camping site on the property. Need to clean up. Right of way for Smith Ave entrance is with Town Solicitor for review and

approval. This is related to person who wants to build house on the lot.

- 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). I wrote to David Sleboda to thank him for haying the fields at the property and formalizing our relationship with him for the haying. **Annual Site Visit Complete**
- x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own)
- xi. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) We have been invited by the RI Land Trust Council’s Land Trust Excellence Program to participate as the host property. The program is one classroom session on Stewardship and one Site Stewardship session. I have selected the Matteo Property because it provides lots of information and is also a Farm lease program. I will keep you informed.
- xii. **Mowry Homestead/Mowry Farmland** (Old Forge Rd/Farnum Pike 5 acres/15 acres own). Mowry Farmland we need to verify borders where the neighbors yard is to mark off our property line. I walked to the edge of the property, but I did not have a survey map or appropriate shoes.
- xiii. **Olivia’s Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). **Annual Site visit Complete**
- xiv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).
- xv. **Jim Russell Property** (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own). There is a tree down on the yellow path that Steve Higgins and Peter Pare have volunteered to cut up.
- 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) **Annual Site Visit Complete.**
- xx. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)-Get Large copy of updated Trail Map for Kiosk with sign also sending them to explore RI. The LL Bean Hikers club hikes

Wolf Hill on Saturdays (maybe monthly). They checked in with me and I confirmed that we enjoy having them.

gghamilton@llbean.com is the contact and he said to let him know when we are doing some work. They can provide us with helpers.

Annual Site Visit Complete

- b. 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?
 - ii. Olivia's Forest Plant identification Project
 - iii. Resting Bench? Scout Project
- c. 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. RTR will present at our June meeting with the porch plans (Barbara)
 - ii. Discuss and approve the amendment to the Curatorship program
 - iii. Discuss and approve the annual payment to Preserve RI
- d. Discuss updates on Volunteer Stewards (Marc/Dilena).
- e. Discuss updates on Risk Management (Marc).
- f. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)
- g. Discuss upcoming Calendar
 - i. Participation in Land Trust Days
 - ii. April 21, Earth Day Clean up (pick some areas we coordinate with Town)
 - iii. Land Trust Excellence Program- Monitoring workshop April 10 classroom and April 28th Field work at Matteo Farm Property in Smithfield Free
- h. Discuss updates on Conservation Commission News (Don).

VIII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting May 3, 2018