

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, January 3, 2019 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. Election of Officers for 2019. Elect Chairman, Vice Chairman and Treasurer.
- IV. Minutes:
 - a. Move that the minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting be approved.
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget for 2019 expenses to date dues to RI Land Trust Council \$125, Secretary exp 5 meetings \$625.
- VI. By Laws approved and Policies and Procedures approved were submitted to Town Council. Tabled by Council. We have submitted and will await the town Council. As of this writing no indication when town Council will take up our request.
- VII. Discuss update on signs
 - a. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. Nothing new
- 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). **Annual site visit complete.** Sign has been installed, thank you Jay. I had an idea about that property. I thought maybe

planting sunflowers or native pollinator plants might be a great use of those fields. Discuss ideas and talk to Dave D'Angelo about that?

- 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. Third bridge in the works.
- 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). **Annual Site Visit Complete** Trail incomplete will revisit in Spring. Update
- x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own) We should do a site visit and evaluation to determine when we want to move forward with trails, parking, and finalizing the additional 9 acres from the developer. We have a baseline documentation. We can create a management plan from our discussions and decisions. Trail on this property would be terrific. **One of our members can take the lead** on this project.
- xi. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) **Annual site visit complete.** We have been invited by the RI Land Trust Council's Land Trust Excellence Program to participate as the host property. Monitoring workshop took place 4/28. We have been invited by the Land Trust Council's URI program to create a Baseline Documentation Report. Still need a **member to volunteer** to do the management plan.. Update
- xii. **Mowry Homestead/Mowry Farmland Annual Site Visits complete** (Old Forge Rd/Farnum Pike 5 acres/15 acres own) Continue discussion of management plan. Report of Town Council meeting from December 18, 2018. Town Manager asked Land Trust to submit a six month extension of the Curatorship agreement rather than the approved amended agreement. He indicated that in the interest of time (long agenda with 2 public hearings) that would provide the council with an opportunity to set up a workshop and perhaps site visit to the Mowry House to better understand the program and understand the amended curatorship agreement and time table. This proved to be a confusing approach and not what we had approved, therefore causing more confusion. The extension was approved. Brad and Val were notified of our change and Brad has asked that we set up our workshop Mid February when Scott

Alves returns to RI. So the next step will be to send the amended curatorship as we approved it to the council for their education, set up the workshop and site visit for the council and Land Trust, Revive the Roots and Preserve RI.

Attached is the 4th Quarter Report given to Town Council in December. It includes the upgrade of the second chimney which was in the original work for the House. The estimate is for approximately \$4200 to add to the reserves Preserve RI has. Detailed estimate will be provided for us to discuss and approve.

- xiii. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). **Annual Site visit Complete** . Plant Identification project completed.
 - xiv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).
 - xv. **Jim Russell Property** (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own). Paths cleared. The Small parking area on Burlingame needs to be leveled and cleared up-- project for spring. Volunteer Roger Watson filled in stewardship form. **Annual site visit complete**.
 - xvi. **Sasso Property** (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement). Marc Mahoney and Jermiah Adler discussed a path from Mann School Rd into the Connors farm area. Discuss with property owner Larry Sasso . Put on list to work on this spring 2019.
 - 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)- **Annual Site Visit Complete** Get Large copy of updated Trail Map. Trying to get the map to work with Avenza and we can get a sign to post digital details. Along with info for ExploreRI.org
 - xxi. **Facebook page for Land Trust**-update
- b. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties.
 - i. Resting Bench? Scout Project nothing new
 - c. Discuss updates on Risk Management . **Spread Sheet details of Properties**
 - d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-
 - e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust?

- f. Discuss updates on **Conservation Commission** News (Don). **Carlton's Way entry to Mercer Outlook** and Wolf hill is a major problem and continues. Don and I will do a site visit. To see what we can do to create a parking area further up Mountaindale or onto Wolf Hill Rd? by the transfer station. Update

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting **February 7, 2019**