

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, February 7, 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. Minutes:
 - a. Move that the minutes of the January 3, 2019, meeting be approved.
- IV. Treasurer's report—Budget for 2019 expenses to date dues to RI Land Trust Council \$125, Secretary exp 5 meetings \$625. Budget request for 2020 is due. Discuss and approve request. Discuss need for equipment, process, costs and next step.
- V. 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. I was told it will be discussed at the workshop with Town Council.
Update
- VI. Discuss update on signs
 - a. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. Nothing new
- VII. Update Projects in Process
 - a. Discuss update of Management Plans and annual site visits will be due during 2019 for the following properties:
 - i. **Blackbird Farm** (Limerock Road- 50 acres conservation easement). Nothing New
 - ii. **Cavanagh Property** (Log Road- 12 acres conservation easement). Nothing New
 - iii. **Clark Road** (105 Clark Rd – 22 acres own from development). Nothing New

- iv. **D'Angelo Family Farm** (Old County Road - 15 acres conservation easement). **Annual site visit complete 2018.** Nothing New
- v. **Greenville Nature Reserve** (Smith Avenue - 28 acres own from development). **Annual Site Visit Complete 2018 Nothing New**
- vi. **Hanton City** (Decotis Farm Road - 96 acres own) Nothing new
- vii. **Hyde Tree Farm** (Mann School Rd - 65 acres Conservation Easement/DEM) Nothing new
- viii. **Hoar Farm** (Austin Avenue 16 acres Conservation Easement) nothing new
- ix. **Caroline E Judson Trust Property** (Williams Rd -56 acres own/DEM). **Annual Site Visit Complete 2018** Trail incomplete will revisit in Spring. Update
- x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own) Paul Harrison has taken the lead. Thank you Paul . Update: Paul Met with Kevin Cleary, Mike Phillips and Nicole Chellel, reviewed the maps and identified Old Burlingame Rd and started making a trail. He will update.
- xi. **Discuss need of equipment for trail building and maintenance. See Treasurer's Report (IV)**
- xii. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) **Annual site visit complete 2018.** Still need a **member to volunteer** to do the management plan.. Update
- xiii. **Mowry Homestead/Mowry Farmland Annual Site Visits complete 2018.** (Old Forge Rd/Farnum Pike 5 acres/15 acres own) **Mowry Homestead:** work on the “most beautiful porch on an historic property”(Val Talmage, PRI) is in the works. Planning, building permit are complete and construction will begin. We are scheduling work session with Town Council and Land Trust to give the council history and new Curatorship agreement and schedule that we approved December 6, 2018 for their approval.

Discuss and approve the Management of the Program payment to Preserve RI. \$5000.00 Discuss and approve quote for Lining for Gas Chimney \$2650/ + 599 for pipe = \$3429.

We will be discussing in future meetings the future of the Mowry House. Inviting Smithfield Historic Preservation Commission members, Revive the Roots, Preserve RI and a Town Council member.

Mowry Farmland: Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property. They are trying to get Chestnut Trees that will be the first program to plant these new breed trees (in the

country). The Chestnut trees were wiped out by disease and while we have them on various properties, they only grow to about 10 feet and then the disease on the roots kills them. They are also working with the USDA on the new well for water for the farm. There are a number of other programs they will share.

- xiv. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). **Annual Site visit Complete 2018** . Nothing New
 - xv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).
 - xvi. **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 2018**. Paul Harrison also visited parking are for this site and will update.
 - xvii. **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**.
 - xviii. **Sleboda Farm** (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement) nothing new
 - xix. **Captain Elisha Steere Farm**-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement). Review of property done, copy of report at meeting. Tom Robitaille and Barbara Rich visited property on 1/7/19. Property owner was not there but sent us an update about his farming endeavors. **Annual site visit complete 2019**
 - xx. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement) **Annual Site Visit Complete 2018**. Nothing new
 - xxi. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- **Annual Site Visit Complete 2018** 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 Nothing new.
 - xxii. **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 Nothing new**
 - d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-

- e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust? Land and Water Summit March 9, 2019 at URI. Fill in early bird registration for anyone who wants to go. We received e-mail, but I have paper apps. Land Trust pays for event.
- f. Discuss updates on **Conservation Commission** News (Don). **Carlton's Way entry to Mercer Outlook** and Wolf hill is a major problem and continues. Discuss the parking Wolf Hill Rd, plans and expenses. update.

VIII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting **March 7, 2019**