

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, March 14, 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. **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.
- IV. Minutes:
 - a. Move that the minutes of the February 7, 2019, meeting be approved.
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received
- VI. Workshop with Town Council on 3/5/19. By Laws approved and Policies and Procedures approved were submitted to Town Council and placed on Agenda for 3/5/19. Council has delayed approval to a future date. Update
- 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 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 complete2018**. 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. We have identified an ATV, Paul is going to donate a trailer. We need to approve purchase. See quotes and discussion.**
Paul met with Don and equipment we have and share with conservation is good for now.
- 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:** Workshop Review from 3/5/19. Town Council and Land Trust met to update new Curatorship agreement and schedule that we approved December 6, 2018 for their approval. We will request a time for it to be presented at the Town Council Meeting.

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 members.

Mowry Farmland: Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property.
- 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. Paul Harrison also visited parking area for this site and will update.

- xvii. **Sasso Property** (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement). Marc Mahoney and Jeremiah 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 **Carlton's Way Parking issue discuss and update. (also in Conservation Commission News)**
 - xxii. **Facebook page for Land Trust**-update
- b. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties. **Discuss a program for Schools for volunteer and community projects.** We should formulate and connect with the schools. Land Trust member to act as coordinator?
 - 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? At Workshop Council members expressed interest in a Mowry House event? Input from Revive the Roots is needed. Two suggestions for Land Trust Days (August to End of Sept) 1. Flora and Fauna walk (Probably best on Wolf Hill) and Perhaps a Mowry Farm and House event perhaps a harvest time kind of event. Volunteers to help me work on these projects for planning.

- 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. Weather has not allowed site visit. update.

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting **April 4, 2019**