

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, April 4, 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 March 7, 2019, meeting be approved.
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received
 - a. Discuss update on signs. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. We will need new signs for Wolf Hill Forest Preserve for trail travel and restrictions on dirt bikes and mountain biking. Bob Tessitore is our guest to discuss the problems on Wolf Hill.
- VI. Update Projects in Process
 - a. Discuss update of Management Plans and annual site visits will be due during 2019 for the following properties: I am giving each member 2 copies of the Volunteer Steward Monitoring Form. The List of properties will go around, please put your initials by the properties you want to visit.
 - 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). **Discuss and approve Right of way for two lots.** Hand out info at meeting.
- 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). 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. Update. Goal to mark trail and get signs, paint and volunteers
- 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.**

Conservation will allow us to park the ATV at the Conservation Center. So we need to approve and make the purchase.
- xii. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) Still need a **member to volunteer** to do the management plan. update
- xiii. **Mowry Homestead:** Discuss and approve the changes to the Mowry Curatorship Agreement, the new schedule of work, the PRI Land Trust Agreement and the Decision guidelines for the Mowry House Curatorship Agreement. This was discussed at the Workshop with the Town Council. This has been submitted to Randy Rossi and Anthony Galone.

Request discussion and approval of the documents depending upon oversight by Town Manager and Town Solicitor to go to the Town Council for approval at the first available meeting (Possibly April 16).

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 Town Council members. I would propose we discuss at our May meeting the strategy for this process

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). 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 are 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). **Annual site visit complete 2019**
 - xx. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement. Nothing new
 - xxi. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- Bob Tessitore will update us on issues around mountain bikers.

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 posted some updates pictures
- 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. Paul Harrison volunteered to contact schools.
 - 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. Earth Day April 27th recommendation for cleanup? Will contact Melissa Chaput with our participation. 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. Wolf Hill Rd, plans and expenses update.

VII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting May 2, **2019**