

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, May 2, 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 April 4, 2019, meeting be approved.
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received. Report on purchase of ATV.
 - a. Discuss update on signs. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. Discuss signs we need for Wolf Hill, Latham Brook, Jim Russell.
- 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. **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).. Nothing New
 - v. **Greenville Nature Reserve** (Smith Avenue - 28 acres own from development). **Discuss and approve Right of way for two lots.**

Town Council wants our input to do public meeting and decide. Attached shows extent of Grantee's responsibility and access for town and Land Trust.

- 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.** ATV purchase is in the works.
- xii. **Matteo Farmland** (Swan Rd – 50 acres own) Still need a **member to volunteer** to do the management plan. update
- xiii. **Mowry Homestead:** Results of Site visit by Town Council and Workshop on 4/30/19.

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. Discuss strategy and first invitations to start our talks.

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). **Update Joe Siegel visited. 2019 Site visit complete.**
- 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.
- 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)- 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 . Public works is working on new parking area on wolf Hill Rd along with Conservation. Discuss if we should get a new sign for that area with rules and perhaps a map? I think we need to repaint markings in this area as well.
- 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.** Update on this project.
 - c. Discuss updates on Risk Management .
 - d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-
 - e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust?

Earth Day April 27th recommendation for cleanup?

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 the planning will happen in June.

- f. Discuss updates on **Conservation Commission** News (Don). Wolf Hill Rd, plans and expenses update. See Wolf Hill Forest Preserve.

VII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting June 6, 2019.