

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, August 1, 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 June 6, 2019, meeting be approved.
- V. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received. New Year fiscal 2020.
 - a. Discuss update on signs. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office.
 - b. Results of NorthSouth Ride fundraiser raised \$600. Thank you Paul and riders. ATV enhancements for trail work completed. (\$600?)
- 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).**2019 Annual site visit complete.** Barbara Rich went out to the farm with Kevin Bouttelette on June 7. There have been big enhancements to the field we protected. Blackbird farm is working with USDA to build a barn for ground water protection and management.
 - 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). **2019 Annual site visit complete.**
- 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 Eleanor Hoar has died. Current property owner might be her niece.
- ix. **Caroline E Judson Trust Property** (Williams Rd -56 acres own/DEM). Trail incomplete. The Judson House was put up for tax sale, it encompasses the house and 5 acres. 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. Set a date to help mark trails and map?
- xi. **Discuss need of equipment for trail building and maintenance.** See budget discussion.
- 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 6/3/19. Discuss the town Council 6/18 meeting that was supposed to approve the work. Discuss and try to move forward with the Curatorship contract update. Results of the 10 hours or more of discussions, site visits, work on the wording, and presentation to the Town Council. Why the 6 months of work was put off.
- xiv. Discuss how to proceed with future of Mowry House.. Members should bring back ideas and proposals for the Land Trust to discuss and research for our September meeting as we proposed to the Town Council.
Mowry Farmland: Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property.
- xv. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). Update Joe Siegel visited. **2019 Site visit complete.**
- xvi. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).

- xvii. **Jim Russell Property** (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own). **Site visit complete for 2019.** The Small parking area on Burlingame needs to be leveled and cleared up-- project for spring.
- xviii. **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 .
- xix. **Sleboda Farm** (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement) nothing new
- xx. **Captain Elisha Steere Farm**-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement). **Annual site visit complete 2019**
- xxi. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement). Jim Steere continues to have issues with people on his property coming from Conservation area trails into orchard and taking apples etc. I have offered to put up some signs. Update.
- xxii. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- Get Large copy of updated Trail Map. 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. Set a date to remark the white trail and Mercer outlook area. Tentatively schedule October for trail work.
- xxiii. **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.** Restart this program in the fall.
- c. Discuss updates on Risk Management .
- d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-
- e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust?

For Land Trust Days: (August to Sept) Barbara is working with Jonathan Twining for a Vernal Pool walk and environmental impact on disturbance of the Vernal Pools on Wolf Hill Forest Preserve. Date to be announced.

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

Discussion of Conservation Commission banning of Bicycles on their properties. Clear up where those properties are.

VII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

VIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting Sept 5, 2019.