

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY October 3, 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. Sad News about the passing of Thomas Robitaille, moment of silence and discuss an honor.
- IV. **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.

- V. Minutes:
 - a. Move that the minutes of the September 5, 2019, meeting be approved.

- VI. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received. New Year fiscal 2020. No report.
 - a. Discuss update on signs. 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).**2019 Annual site visit complete.**
 - 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. Nothing new
- 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. Nothing new
- 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. Nothing new
- xii. **Mowry House:** Town Manager has asked for information from the private bank account of Revive the Roots as a condition to approve Curatorship Agreement with Town Council. This is new information and not part of our work. We have approved the work that we have spent the last 9 months working on. I have asked RTR to provide me with some of that information. Out of the goodness of their heart they have agreed to give me some of the information. I will try to get it on the agenda for the approval for October 15, 2019.

Mowry Farmland: Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property if available.
- xiii. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). Update Joe Siegel visited. **2019 Site visit complete.**
- xiv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)).
- xv. **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.
- xvi. **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 .
- xvii. **Sleboda Farm** (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement) nothing new

- xviii. **Captain Elisha Steere Farm**-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement). **Annual site visit complete 2019**
- xix. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement).
Update.
- xx. **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.
- xxi. **Facebook page for Land Trust**-update
 - b. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties.
 - c. Discuss updates on Risk Management .
 - d. Discuss updates on Technical Review (Don/Barbara)-
 - e. Discuss upcoming Calendar—suggestions for events for Land Trust?
 - f. Discuss updates on **Conservation Commission** News (Don). Wolf Hill Rd, plans and expenses update. See Wolf Hill Forest Preserve.

VIII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

IX. Adjournment

Next Meeting November 7, 2019.