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.

   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.**