

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY November 7, 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: No business for 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 Oct 3, 2019, meeting be approved.
 - b. Approve, Adopt and seal the minutes of the Executive Closed session of Oct 3, 2019.
- V. Consider, discuss and act upon **Schedule of Land Trust Meetings for 2020.**
 See memo on Rules for filing Agendas.
- VI. Treasurer's report—Budget Report if received. New Year fiscal 2020.
- VII. Consider, discuss and act upon update to signs. Proposed new wording. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office.
- VIII. **Consider, Discuss and act upon need of equipment for trail building and maintenance.**
- IX. **Consider, discuss and act upon work space for Land Trust.**
- X. **Consider, discuss and act upon honor boxes at trail heads for trail maintenance.**
- XI. **Discuss Updates of 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. **Matteo Farm: (Swan Road, 50 acres) leased for 15 years to Jaswells.** Update.
- xii. **Mowry House: Curatorship Agreement has been** updated and approved by Town Council. Agreement goes through February 2022.
- xiii. **Consider and Discuss ideas for future of Mowry House. Consider and Discuss Preservation Easement.** Hand out. Guest Robert Leach from Historic Preservation Commission.
- xiv. **Mowry Farmland:** Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property if available.
- xv. **Olivia’s Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development). **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 nothing done yet.

- xviii. **Sasso Property** (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement). Nothing new
- 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). Update.
- xxii. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- Discuss Trails. History of the Trail making, Maps, Grant from USDA for Wildlife Rehabilitation project.
- xxiii. **Facebook page for Land Trust**-update
- b. Discuss updates on scout projects and other projects on Land Trust properties. Water bars on Wolf Hill Forest Preserve, Eagle Scout Ben Reese and Paul Harrison.
- 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.

XII. Public Comment (5 minutes)

XIII. Adjournment

Next Meeting December 5, 2019