

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY December 5, 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:**
 Move that the minutes of the Nov 7, 2019, meeting be approved.
- V. **ANNUAL REPORT of the Land Trust**
- VI. **Treasurer's report**—Budget Report if received. New Year fiscal 2020.

 Trail maintenance budget is at about \$2100 with \$700 commitments for property maintenance. Leaving \$1400 for 2020.

Consider, discuss and act upon recommendation to buy a trailer for \$700 for the ATV and a compressor for \$200 to clean chain saws.
- VII. **Discuss update to signs.** Member volunteer to lead this project. We have the inventory of signs with pictures. The signs are in the Conservation Center Office. Cool Air Creations makes signs and have an office.
- VIII. **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). **Completed for 2019 by Cindy Mulvey**

- 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. **2019 Annual Site Visit Completed by Cindy Mulvey**
- x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own) Need map and trail markings for trail put in by Paul Harrison. **2019 Site visit complete**
- 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. Curatorship agreement update for new tenants 12/1.
- xiii. **Consider and Discuss ideas for future of Mowry House. Consider and Discuss and act on Preservation Easement.** Proforma agreement for a Preservation Easement with Preserve RI.
- xiv. **Mowry Farmland:** Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property if available. **2019 Site Visit Complete**
- 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 and consider Trail reconfiguration..** Site visit for reconfiguration of trails to be arranged. The mapping will need to be updated and re-marking of trails to be done.
- 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? **Cindy Mulvey is working on a project for middle school students**, our biologist volunteers Jim Gass and Jonathon Twining are being consulted. Identification of flora and fauna on the Wolf Hill Forest Preserve. **Update**

March 7 is the Land and Water Summit. Land Trust members should think about going. We have money in budget to send members.

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

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting January 2, 2020.