

SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, March 4, 2021
6:30 P.M.

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AGENDA

I. Meeting Called to Order 6:30 PM

NEW BUSINESS;

II. **Minutes:**

Move that the minutes of the February 4, 2021, meeting be approved.

III. **Treasurer's report**—Budget Report for fiscal 2021 as submitted to Finance Director

IV. **Consider, discuss and approve: the 2018 revised By-Laws. Send to Town Council for approval.**

V. **Consider discuss and approve: Connecting with Eric from the RI Land Trust Council's program to digitize the borders of our land trust properties.** There is no cost for this project.

"If your land trust is interested in getting the Council's assistance to get the property boundaries for your conservation properties digitized and in an ArcGIS database, contact Eric Wuesthoff by email at: eric@rilandtrusts.org. The Council hopes to help all land trusts get their property boundaries digitized."

Old Business:

VI. Discuss update to signs.

VII. Update on Trail Grant

VIII. Discuss Updates of Property Visits

- a. Discuss update of Management Plans and annual site visits will be due during 2021 for the following properties:
 - i. **Blackbird Farm** (Limerock Road- 50 acres conservation easement).
 - ii. **Cavanagh Property** (Log Road- 12 acres conservation easement).
 - 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). Diana Brennan has updated her work on trail extension to Newton Dr. She will paint blazes Red. Barbara Rich will meet her with paint and she mentioned some trees down that could be broken up.
 - vi. **Hanton City** (Decotis Farm Road - 96 acres own)
 - vii. **Hyde Tree Farm** (Mann School Rd - 65 acres Conservation Easement/DEM
 - viii. **Hoar Farm** (Austin Avenue 16 acres Conservation Easement)
 - ix. **Caroline E Judson Trust Property** (Williams Rd -56 acres own/DEM). Trail incomplete. **Consider, discuss** Should we restrict use of bicycles on this property as it directly feeds into Connor Farm where Conservation Commission has banned all wheeled vehicles.
 - x. **Latham Brook Preserve** (Burlingame Road (Latham Farm Road Entry) – 123 acres own Part of the Trail Grant updates. There is also additional acres from the developed area and possibly from Pindar Realty? Someone should work with Mike Phillips to make this clear so when we have the grant we can create the parking areas and kiosks.
 - xi. **Matteo Farm: (Swan Road, 50 acres) leased for 15 years to Jaswells.** Looking to go into check boundaries and activity with Chris Jaswell in the next two months.
 - xii. **Mowry House** Working on next steps for approved Preservation Easement, appraisal and RTR approved first Right of refusal for the sale of the Property. Update
 - xiii. **Mowry Farmland:** Revive the Roots will give us an update on progress for the property if available. **Consider, discuss and**

approve RTR to build a covered work space are 25 x 25 in the Community Gardens. They will apply for a grant and need our approval to go forward. A building permit will be requested from the town.

- xiv. **Olivia's Forest** (Ridge Rd, 31 acres (donation by Mr. Gallo and from development).
- xv. **Pavao Plat** (Evans Road 6.5 acres own (from development)
- xvi. **Jim Russell Property** (Burlingame Road – 43 acres own).
- xvii. **Sasso Property** (Mann School Road 21 acres conservation easement).
- xviii. **Sleboda Farm** (Whipple Rd -56 acres-conservation easement)
- xix. **Captain Elisha Steere Farm**-(Booker) (W. Greenville Road. 8.54 acres conservation easement
- xx. **Steere Orchard** (Austin Avenue 20 acres conservation easement).
- xxi. **Wolf Hill Forest Preserve** (Pleasant View Avenue 295 acres own)- Updates.
- xxii. **Thomas Robitaille Memorial** Update.

b. Discuss updates on Technical Review

c. **Discuss upcoming Calendar**—suggestions for events for Land Trust?

Land Trust conference with Massachusetts is March 19th and 20th.
 Cost \$65 registration. There is Conference money in the budget for those that want to go: If we submit registrations to Sharon.
Application attached.

IX. Public Comment (5 minutes)

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting April 1, 2021