

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
October 18, 2010
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:30pm

Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Chuck More, Andy Webb, Roberta Engel, Sandy Poirier

Others: Denise Stetson,

Approval of Minutes

Sept, 19 2010 minutes were approved. **Move** to accept C. More, 2nd by A. Webb.

Communications

- None

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

- None

Public Forum

- Mr. Anderson
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Old Business

1. Member reports

Denise:

- Mr. Pierce (a neighbor of the Scudder Property) contacted Denise regarding the use of ATVs on the back field of the Scudder Property. Denise will contact Chief Johnson about this concern.

Chuck:

- Rick Osborne mentioned to Chuck that the note cards are not selling; Chuck will stop by to get the cards and display
- heard from Linda Steere; he redrew the bridge plan and sent it to Steere
- with Andy visited the Bradner property again; they continued walking the boundary to replace wood stakes with spray painted rebar

Sandy:

- contacted Alison MacMillian, granddaughter of the Crawleys, to get historical information on the Crawley Preserve. Crawley purchased the property in 1967 and the deed was transferred to his wife upon his death in 1976. (Note: we need to correct this date on the kiosk.) Crawley purchased the property from Beckwith. Prior to Beckwith, the property was part of the Slocum farm. Carol and Clive Arnold purchased the property for \$10 in 1925. The earliest record on file named Asa Marshall as the owner.

Roberta:

- contacted Peter Stetson about leading a tree identification walk at Crawley Preserve; Peter has offered to lead a walk in the spring
- will lead a work party to remove invasives on Nov 7th and 21st from 9-11am.

2. Letters re: deer-hunting-stand at Bradner: a Bradner neighbor contacted Denise to let RRPLT know she was unaware of the deerstand

3. Interpretive signs for Crawley Preserve: Denise emailed Jim Turek, Richmond ConComm chair, about the interpretive signs; she has not heard from Turek yet

4. Soliciting property stewards: Chuck mailed 16 letters to new residents, he has not mailed the letters to property abutters yet

5. Photo contest: D. Poyer contacted J. Turek, has not heard back yet

6. Recruiting RRPLT trustee: Chuck was interviewed by the Wood River Press and the article will mention the RRPLT seeks a 7th trustee

7. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends': contacted Jeff Marlow from Shannock for a quote to print hunting vest with our logo; ~\$25 for set up and a few dollars to print each and we would buy the vests; agreement that we would print ~25 vests to start; Denise and Roberta will get quotes for basic orange hunting vest

New Business

1. Review of bids and selection of surveyor for Kenyon property

Review of the five bids from the approved vendor list. All quotes are for a Class 1 survey. There was discussion about brush cutting. Chuck feels Jackson's work at Bradner has been good. Jackson will bill when survey is completed which is preferable.

Move to select Jackson to survey the Kenyon Property for \$8900 plus rebar & survey cap @ \$7.50 each C. More; 2nd Sandy; all in favor

Andy will notify Jackson that he has been selected and he will thank all other surveyors. Dowdell asked to be notified of winning bid. Andy will confirm the delivery date for the survey, ideally 11/30 but mid-December the latest. Denise also asked Andy to confirm the survey will include 'meets and bounds' before the contract is finalized.

2. Other

Denise notified L. Primiano at DEM that we have a signed purchase and sales agreement

2. Sandy suggested we start to think about a bond to fund future purchases as the process takes about two years. D. Poyer suggested we talk with Steve Sette about this issue once the Kenyon purchase is completed. Sette is a good resource as he understands rural communities and pro rural preservation.

3. D. Poyer will work with Dick and Archie Kenyon on the conservation easement. Easement may be part of deed or as an aside. If it is part of the deed, Primiano requested the appraiser note that this does not diminish property value.

4. D. Poyer will confirm with Karen Ellsworth that she (Denise) has the authority as RRPLT Chair to sign the conservation easement.

5. Denise Stetson asked about the policy to hunt on RRPLT property. At this point in time, permission is not given to hunt on RRPLT property.

Executive session pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section as amended 1956, Chapter 42-46-5(a)(5) to discuss acquisition of property for public purposes.

- None

Agenda

1. Review items for upcoming agenda; Items include:
 - a. discussion on hunting vest prices
 - b. photo contest and interpretive signs
 - c. conservation easement update
 - d. vote to give authority to D. Poyer, RRPLT Chair, to sign for Kenyon property purchase

Move to adjourn, Denise Poyer, 2nd Sandy Poirier

Adjourn

6:45pm