

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust  
November 15, 2010  
5:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

## MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:33 pm

### Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Chuck More, Pete August, Roberta Engel, Sandy Poirier  
Others: Denise Stetson

### Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> R.Engel to approve Nov 1, 2010 minutes  
*All Ayes*

### Communications

- None

### Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

- None

### Public Forum

- Richard Anderson  
Rick informed the RRPLT board that he has submitted an application for the open RRPLT trustee position to the Town Council.

### Old Business

1. Member reports:
  - a. Chuck noted that there were surveyors at Kenyon today (11/15/10). Plans to work at the Bradner Property (finish installing permanent markers and check if the deer stand had been removed) were postponed.
  - b. Roberta removed Oriental bittersweet from the Crawley Preserve parking area on 11/7/10 from 9-11 a.m. A notice about the work party was in the paper and a sign posted on the Crawley kiosk. Andy assisted. Next work party is scheduled for 11/21/10 from 9-11 a.m.
2. Letters re: new ABUTTERS (tabled from Nov. 1, 2010): Chuck has drafted a letter to be sent to RRPLT preserve neighbors noting our need for property stewards. Denise will print labels for the mailing.
3. Deer-hunting-stand at Bradner: see 1a
4. Interpretive signs for Crawley Preserve/Photo contest (tabled from Nov. 1, 2010): Denise communicated with Jim Turek, RCC Chair, via email. He said the RCC is working on the text of signs for the Crawley interpretive trail. The RCC suggested no photo contest be held in 2011.
5. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends' (tabled from Nov. 1, 2010): Denise and Roberta obtained price quotes for fluorescent orange hunting vests. Quotes for vests:

Cabela's online \$5, URE \$6, Kenyon Consumer Products ~\$12. The board decided to purchase vests from URE, in turn supporting a local merchant.

**MOTION:** C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. August to approve Denise proceed with purchasing vests (25 @ \$6/vest) from URE and to have the RRPLT logo (designed by Andy) screened on the vests by Marchand (estimated ~\$225).

*All Ayes*

5. Other: Denise contacted Chief Johnson regarding the use of ATVs on the back field of the Scudder Property. He suggested posting 'No Trespassing' signs on the property. Chuck has volunteered to post signs around the field.

### New Business

1. Kenyon Conservation Easement

Denise led the discussion on the Conservation Easement.

A baseline survey will be completed prior to sale, per TNC request.

The Environmental Hazard Assessment is ready to go.

The Nature Conservancy had many requests that Denise is working on.

L. Primiano (DEM) has the draft and Karen Ellsworth had few comments.

Chuck has asked that in addition to prohibiting motorized vehicles, we prohibit bicycles. He suggested we prohibit all wheeled vehicles.

Chuck also suggested clarification that the trails are for foot and equestrian travel.

Denise is working on the Kenyon Property Management Plan. We will review at the next meeting. Details on trail construction will be in this document. It will also include details on the kiosk to be built and the signs to be posted along the perimeter of the property.

Hunting rights granted to R. Kenyon will not be in the deed, rather they will be in a separate document crafted by A. Kenyon, Jr. and signed by D. Poyer, RRPLT Chairperson.

2. Wood River property acquisition

John Leo owns a house/property (0.42 acres) along the Wood River. The house was damaged during the Spring 2010 floods and the house has been condemned.

There may be an opportunity for some agency to oversee restoration of the property.

### Other

- Roberta suggested that a Bradner Preserve sign be posted on Hoxie. This will direct the public to the parking area on Gardner Rd and increase our visibility to Richmond residents.
- Roberta noted there were several dead trees around the Crawley parking area. Chuck has volunteered to cut them down during the next Crawley work party (11/21/10).
- Chuck has submitted the reworked bridge plans to Linda Steere. He has not received any communication from her.

- Denise Stetson reminded the board that there will be a public meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan on Nov. 30, 2010. In addition, there is an online survey which residents are asked to complete.

**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.**

Agenda

1. Review items for upcoming agenda; Items include:
  - a. Kenyon Property Management Plan
  - b. Review of Steere's work at Bradner
  - c. Other

The next RRPLT meeting will be on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> 2010.

**MOTION: C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Poirier to adjourn until next scheduled meeting.**

*All Ayes*

Adjourn

7:00 pm

Approved and accepted on \_\_\_\_\_ Attest: \_\_\_\_\_