

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
September 20, 2010
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:30pm

Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Chuck More, Andy Webb, Pete August, Roberta Engel
Others: Denise Stetson

Approval of Minutes

July 19, 2010 minutes were approved. Move to accept P. August, 2nd by A. Webb; *All Ayes*

Communications

- RRPLT has received 20 donations from “Friends of the Land Trust”. Vicki Diaz in the Town Planner’s office will enter donations and donor information into RRPLT database. R Engel will write thank you notes to donors.
- RRPLT has received a letter from DEM extending the Open Space Grant to Dec. 31, 2010.

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. RI Land Trust Council annual dues: There was discussion regarding the services the RI Land Trust Council provides members. All agreed we should pay dues (\$100 is suggested). C. More made a motion to pay \$100 in dues out of the RRPLT Unrestricted Account. A. Webb second. Motion passed. *All Ayes*
2. Newport Appraisers: The invoice has not been paid yet. D.P oyer will ask D. Krugman to pay this invoice from last year’s account. The amount owed is \$1200. C. More motioned to pay the invoice; A. Webb seconded. Motion passed. *All Ayes*
3. Other; Payment to Print Craft was approved at July meeting. D. Poyer will check with D. Krugman to confirm that the bill has been paid.

Public Forum

None

Old Business

1. D. Poyer reports that the Kenyons have agreed to the RRPLT offer to purchase their property. D. Poyer has notified Town Councilor J. Reddish and K. Ellsworth is drawing up a purchase and sales agreement that will be sent to A. Kenyon. DEM has requested that the purchase and sales agreement be signed by Nov 15th RRPLT will need to hire a surveyor to complete a Class 1 survey. A. Webb will request estimates from several surveyors. D. Poyer notes that according to D. Kenyon, there may be some markers on the eastern edge of the property. C. More suggests A. Webb ask for unit price to set steel corners. The survey will be paid for from the RRPLT Unrestricted Account.

L. Primiano, DEM asked has asked for a copy of the property appraisal. DEM will hold the easement on the Kenyon property. D. Poyer discussed potential restrictions on property.

D. Poyer will order a Class 1 survey soon as the purchase and sales agreement is signed. Property acquisition must be completed by Dec. 31st.

2. C. More and A. Webb worked at the Bradner Property. They replaced eight wood markers with steel pins along the property line. The property lines are in need of 6-8 more pins. C. More donated \$31.32 in materials to RRPLT.
3. Our current budget is \$600 for stewardship and \$150 for travel.

New Business

1. D. Poyer reports that the RRPLT has received an award (one of four awarded) from the Conservation Stewardship Collaborative for a Baseline Documentation Protocol. D. Poyer wrote and submitted the proposal for the Bradner Property. The RRPLT will be required to contribute \$250 towards the project. The remaining funding of \$750 will come from The Conservation Stewardship Collaborative. Linda Steere and Carol Trockey will conduct the survey of the property using the draft documentation protocol. An RRPLT trustee/property steward is expected to accompany the consultant for the site survey. A. Webb will act as the Bradner Property steward for now and he will go out with L. Steere.

Bradner Property: C. More notes that L. Steere had requested info from him regarding the application to DEM but that she has not contacted him. D. Poyer will call her.

2. Hunting stands on Land Trust properties: A deer-hunting stand was found on the Bradner Property. C. More will draft a letter to be sent to the abutting property owners asking them to remove the stand if it belongs to them. RRPLT will remove it if the owner does not.
3. Interpretive signs for Crawley Preserve: J. Turek, chair of the Richmond Conservation Commission, approached D. Poyer about creating interpretive signs for the Crawley Preserve. D. Poyer has request Turek provide a plan for RRPLT approval. C. More was contacted about the history of the foundations of old buildings on the property. D. Poyer will ask S. Poirier to contact the Crawley family.
4. Soliciting property stewards: In order to find property stewards and the 7th RRPLT trustee, C. More will draft a letter to send to property owners who abut all RRPLT properties. In addition, letters will be send to 'Friends of the RRPLT' and possibly residents in the Oak Hill neighborhood. Stewards will keep an eye on the property and s/he may need to do occasional maintenance, cleanup, and yearly easement survey. P. August will work on getting addresses from database. D. Poyer will contact D. Smith about featuring C. More as a RRPLT volunteer.

5. Photo contest: D. Poyer will contact J. Turek, Richmond Conservation Commission chair, to see if the RCC would be interested in running the Photo contest in 2011.
6. Other:
 - a. C. More has requested P. August print and laminate a new trail map for the Crawley Preserve.
 - b. R. Engel will lead an invasive plant clean-up at the Crawley Preserve in October. D. Poyer will send out a Press Release and she will act as the contact person for the event.

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. Recruiting land stewards and RRPLT trustee;
 - b. Letter re: deer-hunting-stand at Bradner;
 - c. Crawley interpretive trail signs;
 - d. Photo contest;
 - e. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends', possibly orange vest with RRPLT logo;

Adjourn

6:40pm