

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust
Jan. 10, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:34pm

Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Andy Webb, Roberta Engel, Pete August, Denise, Stetson

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Andy Webb, 2nd P. August to approve Dec. 6, 2010 minutes.

All Ayes

Communications

- none

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

- none

Public Forum

- Gary Whitney, Rick Anderson

Old Business

1. Member reports:

Pete August: the resolution for Sandy Poirier is ready; Denise P. will give it to T. Hayes with hopes it will be approved at the Town Council meeting on Jan. 18, 2011

2. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends':

Andy will come up with a design based on RRPLT logo to silkscreen onto vests; Andy will contact Geoff Marchand about printing; Denise will get vests from URE ~\$5; the intent of the vest is to signal an individual is a RRPLT agent

3. Kenyon Property purchase,

Denise reported on the events related to the Kenyon Property purchase; the closing was on Dec 22, 2010. RRPLT now owns 62 additional acres.

DEM could not approve the Conservation Easement prior to the new year; it has been approved informally and is scheduled to go through formal approval on Jan. 18, 2011. The Kenyon family received a letter of intent and a check will be cut in late Jan. RRPLT will receive a check for \$250,000, Denise will deposit it into our account and Dave will wire the funds to the closing attorney. Rathbun and Wilcox have until March 31st 2011 to clear their encroachments off the Kenyon property.

The property steward needs to check on this at the end of March. The current RRPLT account balance is \$79,000.

New Business

1. Elections

Denise presented the slate: Denise Poyer, Chair; Andy Webb, Vice Chair; Roberta Engel, Secretary

MOTION: P. August, 2nd R. Anderson to approve slate

All Ayes

MOTION: P. August, 2nd R. Anderson accept slate

All Ayes

2. Resolution for Sandy Poirier, see Old Business
3. Denise proposed the Feb. 2011 meeting be an extended work session to review the RRPLT action plan, by-laws, 2009 Town Ordinance, and other guiding documents. Sandy will be invited to attend the meeting. We would like to celebrate her contributions to RRPLT and to get her input on items to be discussed at the work session. The work session will be held at the WPWA office from 5-8 pm on Feb. 7, 2011. Denise will send documents for trustees to review prior to meeting.
4. Denise was approached by Tom Dupres, URI Professor (and former Forestry Chief for DEM) with regards to using one of the RRPLT preserves for fieldwork. Tom teaches a Forest Management class and he is looking for properties for his students' fieldwork; students typically assess plots of land and create management plans. Denise suggested the Scudder, Kenyon, and Crawley properties and has left it up to Tom to pick the plot. Tom will talk with RRPLT about his plans. Tim Mooney, TNC, is another resource for woodlot management. D. Stetson mentioned that NRCS has grant money for forest management.
5. Stewardship planning for properties. tabled to the Feb. work session. Denise will discuss with Chuck prior to meeting.
6. Other
Pete reports Linda Steere will finish the Bradner inventory report in mid-Jan. She will show RRPLT what an inventory looks like.
Denise announced the Land and Water Summit will be held on March 26th. She encouraged all to attend and the RRPLT can cover registration fee.
D. Stetson suggested we add a review of the Capital Plan to the work session agenda

Executive Session

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.

MOTION: A. Webb, 2nd R. Engel to go forward with an appraisal of the property discussed in Executive Session.

All Ayes

Agenda items for Feb. 2011 Work Session will include

Review of RRPLT by-laws
Update RRPLT Action Plan, main focus
Update Capital Plan
Review RRPLT Ordinances
Denise will email documents for trustees to review prior to Feb meeting.

MOTION: A. Webb, 2nd R. Engel to adjourn until next scheduled meeting.

All Ayes

Adjourn

6:55 pm

Approved and accepted on _____ Attest: _____