

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust

March 7, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Town Hall

MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:33 pm

Roll Call

Denise Poyer, Chuck More, Pete August, Rick Anderson, Andy Webb

Others: Denise Stetson

Approval of Minutes

Motion made to table approval of minutes from Feb. 21 to next meeting by Chuck More.
Second by Pete August. Motion passed.

Communications

1. None.

Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. None.

Public Forum

1. None.

Old Business

1. Member reports
 - a. Chuck did a first draft of Rules and Regulations for the Land Trust. Denise will work on a more polished draft with Chuck, and then bring the draft to the board at the next meeting. If the board approves, a draft will be sent to the Town Council for their approval. After that, the Land Trust will hold a public hearing to vote on acceptance of the new Rules and Regulations.
 - b. Denise reported on check for Kenyon property
 - c. Andy did not hear back from back from Geoff Marlow. He will look into other options for printing.
2. RRPLT apparel for stewards and 'Friends'
 - a. Denise will purchase vests from Ure Outfitters next week.
3. Update on Kenyon Property purchase
 - a. Denise discussed the progress of RIDEM in regards to signing the conservation easement and receiving the payment for the Open Space grant. She will contact Lisa Primiano on Tues.
4. Review draft Action Plan: The board noted that some of the committee names need to be updated as follows:
 - a. Names of committees:
 - i. Land mapping and information management
 - ii. Stewardship

- iii. Volunteer Programs
 - iv. Land owner contact (Planner helps this committee)
 - v. Public Relations and funding
 - vi. Administration
 - b. With these corrections Pete motioned to accept the revised Action plan. Chuck seconded. Motion passed.
- 5. URI Forest Management Class
 - a. The board discussed management goals for the Scudder Preserve, which is being used by the URI Forest Management Class to teach students how to develop forest management plans. Andy noted that besides wildlife habitat we would like to explore the possibility of generating revenue from the property.
 - b. Denise will contact the instructor about the expanded goals.
- 6. Stewardship planning for properties
 - a. Chuck, Rick and Gary will meet to finish the Crawley Management Plan and write one for Bradner Preserve based on the recent inventory project. They will also develop a schedule of actions to be done on the two properties.
 - b. Denise Stetson will develop management plan for Stetson Property.
 - c. Current Stewards for Land Trust properties are:
 - i. Scudder – Heidi and Neil Quinn
 - ii. Crawley – Chuck will ask Dan Rakosky
 - iii. Bradner – needs to be filled
 - iv. Kenyon – Dick Kenyon
 - v. Stetson – Denise and Peter Stetson
 - vi. Oviatt – Candace Oviatt
- 7. Other
 - a. New resident letters were written by Chuck and edited by Andy. Denise will finalize and send to Rick to be sent out.

New Business

- 1. Other
 - a. Property on Lewiston Ave came up for sale with a tax lien. It was sold very quickly. Question came up to see if the tax accessor could provide land trust info on land under tax liens or sales.
 - b. Leo Property may be under consideration again. Denise will talk to Steve about the process.
 - c. Comp plan draft is available. Denise Stetson will send out to board.

Executive Session

- 1. None.

Agenda

- 1. Review items for upcoming agenda.
 - a. Member Reports
 - b. Review property management plans

- c. Review draft Rules and Regulations
- d. Property acquisition

Adjourn Chuck motioned to adjourn, Andy seconded. Motion passed.