

Richmond Rural Preservation Land Trust  
September 19, 2011  
5:30 p.m.  
Town Hall

## MINUTES

Call to Order at 5:35 pm

### Roll Call

Peter August, Chuck More, Gary Whitney, Denise Poyer, Denise Stetson, Andy Webb, Rick Anderson

Absent: Roberta Engel

Public: Peter Stetson, Charles D. Kenyon, Lisa Primiano, and Kathleen Wainwright

### Approval of Minutes:

**MOTION:** A. Webb, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. August to approve July 11, 2011 minutes.

*All Ayes*

### Communications

1. Rally 2011 Land Trust Alliance
2. Information regarding RI Tree Council

### Approval of Invoice(s) for Payment

1. UBS invoice for Bradner trail materials for \$ 1,125.63 was approved by D. Poyer as Chair so that the bill could be paid in a timely manner

**MOTION:** C. More, 2<sup>nd</sup> P. August to approve the preapproval of the bill payment by D. Poyer

*All Ayes*

Public Forum Peter Stetson discussed a problem on the Stetson Preserve. Because there was damage to several trees on the Stetson Preserve after the hurricane he would like to be able to remove some of the hanging or downed trees. The Board agreed, as long as he checks with us first. Kathleen Wainwright suggest that we check with public works department to see if they can do any of this type of work first to reduce liability for the volunteers.

### Old Business

1. Member reports

C More reported a reoccurring problem on the Crawley preserve concerning dogs without leashes. Suggestions were solicited regarding recommendations to enforce the leash only requirement for dogs. We could ask Ann Fisher to patrol the preserve. We could ask Dave Smith of the Wood River Press to do an article about this problem.

### New Business

1. Presentation by URI Foresters class on Scudder Preserve Forest Management Plan: Tom Dupris, who taught the course, provided a slide show discussing the methods and findings of his class. The final recommendations included leaving the two white pine stands as they are and continue to thin out the hardwood section with selective firewood cutting. The class also recommended that the Land Trust cut a 100 foot perimeter around the eastern agricultural field in order to improve wildlife habitat. Tom left copies of the Management Plan with the Land Trust and gave a copy to Kathleen Wainwright for The Nature Conservancy records. TNC holds the easement on the property. Recommendations from the Management Plan will be discussed at the next board meeting.
2. Report on Bradner Preserve trail construction: There is a work party scheduled for Sat, Sept. 24 to build the second bridge. Most of the material is at the site, but C More may need to purchase a few more boards. Volunteers to help are still being sought.
3. Land Owner Assistance Program: The Washington County Land Trust Alliance still has money available for this fund. They would prefer to use the money.
4. Land and Water Summit will be held March 10, 2012.

### Executive Session

MOTION: To enter Executive Session made by P August, R Anderson 2nd. Ayes from P August, C More, G Whitney, R Anderson, A Webb, and D Poyer.

### **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 motioned to seal Executive Session minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P August.

*All Ayes*

### Agenda

1. Review recommendations from Scudder Management Plan.
2. Discuss solutions to unleashed dogs on Land Trust properties
3. Post hurricane cleanup on Land Trust properties

Adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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