

West Greenwich Land Trust

1/9/18 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cynthia Walsh, Steve Wright, Tony Tavares, Kevin Nowicki, Natalie Gray, Liz O'Laughlin, Steve Salisbury, Hank Webster

Call to Order: Steve W called the meeting to order at 7:03

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Tony to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Liz. All were in favor.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Kevin to accept the Secretary's Report with one correction to the date and was seconded by Tony. All were in favor.

Thank-You Letters: No report.

Trails Report: Hank suggested that we should organize periodic trail walks.

Grants Report: No report.

Properties Report: Steve S went snowshoeing on the Mercoski Property to check the boundaries and find a possible location for signage. He found the markers for the Graff Property. The property is essentially landlocked by the Graff Property and the Junkyard. Date to install the signs is 1/20. Meet at Steve S's house at 8:00.

Old Business:

Palmer Meeting House: The Fossil Industries quote to design and produce a kiosk for PMH similar to the one at PLMH is \$1783. Steve W is trying to get in contact with Jane palmer to get historical

information about the building. A motion was made by Steve S to pay the deposit for this job to Fossil, seconded by Hank. All were in favor. We still need to paint the hallway.

Plain Meeting House: No report.

Dinner & Silent Auction: Sunday, April 8th 2-5 at the Mishnock Barn. Mealworks will cater the event for \$2600. We will tip the wait staff. Set up for food at 2:00 to be ready to serve at 2:30. We need two lines, one on either side of the buffet table. Centreville Bank has donated \$500. A mailing about the dinner will go out in early March. Ask if the library will sell tickets. The library, fire companies and planning board made donations last year. Also we can use donations of gift cards and alcoholic beverages.

Earth Day: No report.

Memorial Day Parade: No report.

CWG: Next year the date will be 9/29/18.

WGLT News: Hank made a draft of a communications plan with schedules and ideas including a coordinated list of our events and platforms.

wglandtrust.org: Please check the website periodically to see if there are items that need to be added or corrected. Contact Steve W with suggestions or changes.

WGLT Facebook: Ditto for our Facebook page. There was a discussion of the social media site called Nextdoor.

Memorial Benches: No report.

Membership: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Space & Grant Projects: No report.

Property Search Committee: Hank checked Zillow for properties for sale over 10 acres. He found a few and will cross reference them with our priorities list. If there are any matches he will send personalized letters to property owners.

- Hank found information about a rustic wedding expo at Mishnock Barn. A motion was made by Kevin to pay the \$350 table fee, seconded by Natalie. All were in favor. Hank and Liz will attend to promote using the PMH and the PLMH for weddings. Cindy will print pictures of the buildings for the WGLT display.

- Tony and Hank will attend the Land & Water Conservation Conference on March 10th. A motion to pay the fees for them to attend was made by Steve S, seconded by Natalie. All were in favor.

- There was a discussion of the RI Envirothon letter asking for a donation for their school competition program, but we decided against it because it doesn't make sense for us to take donations and turn around and donate to another organization.

Executive Session: No Executive Session.

- A motion was made by Steve S to end the regular meeting at 8:41, seconded by Natalie. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: Our next regular meeting is January 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Walsh