

West Greenwich Land Trust

3/29/18 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cynthia Walsh, Tony Tavares, Kevin Nowicki, Liz O’Laughlin, Hank Webster, Bob Maguire, Steve Wright

Call to Order: Steve W called the meeting to order at 6:59

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

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Kevin to accept the Secretary’s Report and was seconded by Bob. All were in favor.

Thank-You Letters: No report.

Trails Report: No report.

Grants Report: New grant proposals for the RI Foundation are due on April 6th.

Properties Report: The Bugnet Property has been recorded and officially belongs to the WGLT as of 3/19/18. The management agreement was written by Marc Trembley. DEM holds a forest management easement on the property. It is part of the Forest Legacy Program. Steve W signed the paperwork to send back to DEM. RIFCO wants to set up a meeting in May with a subcommittee of the WGLT. Steve W, Bob and Tony will attend the first meeting. Thereafter Bob and Tony will represent the WGLT. There is no public access to this property and it will be managed by RIFCO. Steve will scan the management agreement and send copies to Bob and Tony.

Old Business:

Palmer Meeting House: Steve W got a quote from Signarama to make a 24x36 sign for the PMH for \$1104 similar to the sign on the PLMH. A motion was made by Bob to purchase the sign from Signarama, seconded by Hank. All were in favor. Steve W will ask the Palmers for their opinion on whether the sign should say Palmer Meeting House, or Escoheag Advent Church? Steve W received an email from Jane Palmer indicating her interest in being event coordinator for the PMH. David Heelon of Foster gave a quote to do the hallway at PMH (\$750), repair the kiosk at Tefft Trail and Pratt (\$1400) and repair the door at PLMH (\$900). A motion was made by Hank, seconded by Kevin to hire Mr. Heelon to do the work as described. All were in favor. It was suggested that we contact the new owners of the nearby property to find out if we could come to an arrangement to use some of their land for parking for events at the PMH. Ian Gray will be repairing the outhouse on April 15th weather permitting. He is working with Arnold lumber and Home Depot for materials. Tony will ask his brother if he will continue to do the landscape work at the PLMH and the PMH. Hank showed a copy of RI Bar Journal that had a picture of the PMH on it.

Plain Meeting House: Wolf Pack 7 used the PLMH for a meeting. Hank let them in the building and asked if the Cub Scouts would like to help on Earth Day. Hank made a brochure for the meetinghouses for the Rustic Wedding Expo. Cindy printed interior and exterior photos of PMH and PLMH and put them in a binder for Hank to show at the

expo.

Dinner & Silent Auction: Sunday, April 8th 2-5 at the Mishnock Barn. We have 60 auction items, 30 raffle items and we will do a 50/50 raffle. Meet at 10:00 at Liz's house. Doors will open at 1:30. Delta Zeta will volunteer. The Planning Board made a \$180 donation, which purchased a kayak for the auction.

Donations:

Centreville Bank \$500

Terry Heath \$500

Diffley \$250

Elite Auto \$250

Bob Maguire \$200

A motion was made by Tony, seconded by Kevin to reimburse Hank for expenses for the mailing:

Printing: \$451.23

Mailing: \$384.19

Stamps: \$36.50

Earth Day: Saturday, April 21st from 8:30-12:00. Sandy Backes will place the ad in the Reminder. Hank had road signs and this road cleaned by signs made.

Memorial Day Parade: No report.

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

WGLT News: Hank has all the files of the old WGLT News including all the graphic elements and designs.

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: No report.

Memorial Benches: No report.

Membership: No report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Open Space & Grant Projects: No report.

Property Search Committee: No report.

- Liz brought an article from the ProJo about the expansion of solar farms in RI including some in West Greenwich. She expressed her concerns about the loss of forest habitat that can occur when these farms are constructed. This will be an ongoing issue that we should keep an eye on.

- A motion was made by Hank to go into Executive Session at 8:30, seconded by Kevin. All were in favor.

Executive Session: Discussion of Pastore, Saunders, Smiley, Potter and Leyden properties. One vote was taken. A motion was made to close Executive Session by Kevin, seconded by Tony at 9:02. All were in favor.

- A motion was made by Bob to end the regular meeting at 9:03, seconded by Tony. All were in favor.

Next Meeting: Our next regular meeting is April 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Walsh