

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

Minutes of November 18, 2013 Meeting at Town Hall, Tiverton, RI

Convened 7:00 p.m. Present: Dennis Culberson, Brian Janes, Ginger Lacy, Garry Plunkett, Jim Spears, and Martin VanHof. Guests: Susan Gill and Councilman Gerlach

Administrative Announcements and Reports.

- The October 2013 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (motion VanHof/2nd Spears).**
- The October 2013 Executive Session meeting minutes were reviewed, approved and sealed(motion VanHof/2nd Plunkett).**
- Culberson gave the treasurer's report, accepted (Plunkett/VanHof)**
- Plunkett reported that he will be supporting a high school sociology class visit to Weetamoo Woods on Nov. 20, 2013 at 10:00 AM.**

Stewardship Reports.

Weetamoo Woods.

- Plunkett reported accomplishment of community service work (cleanup of brush/trees along north wall of meadow) with two high**

school students.

- **Josh Lebreux has completed the job of clearing north stone wall of the meadow. The entire wall has now been exposed and the meadow cleared up to the wall.**

High Hill Point. Lacy to contact CRMC concerning status of the submitted management plan.

Highland Woods.

- **Plunkett provided a potential trail plan that would provide access to the trails of Ft. Barton Woods. The plan has been approved by Tiverton Land Trust. A motion was made to approve the plan to connect to the Ft. Barton trail system (motion VanHof/2nd Culberson. Approved unanimously. A connecting trail to the Ft. Barton redoubt area is to be addressed at a later time.**

- **Plunkett also noted that one area of the trail is seasonally wet and will probably require bridging. Several large timbers are available (currently stored at Weetamoo East Road entrance). They could potentially be used for a bridge. Motion made to authorize up to \$887 using the 2013 grant from the RI Foundation to the Pocassetland Stewardship Fund be used for transportation/building of said bridge (motion VanHof/2nd Culberson). Approved unanimously**

Fort Barton Woods.

- **A new Ft. Barton brochure/map has been designed and printed.**

Copies will be available at town hall.

- **Plunkett reported that the stairway repair at Ft. Barton was to begin soon. He will check with the contractor.**

Pocasset Ridge. Nothing to report.

Executive Session. At 8:07pm a motion passed unanimously (VanHof/Plunkett) to go to an executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a)(5), regarding the potential acquisition of property for public use. Susan Gill departed.

Adjournment: At 8:53pm and upon closing the executive session, a motion to adjourn was approved unanimously (VanHof/Plunkett).

Minutes recorded by Culberson