

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

March 17, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order 7:06 PM by Ginger Lacy

Present: Ginger Lacy Dennis Culberson, Brian Janes, Gayle Lawrence, Garry Plunkett,

Martin Van Hof and Phil Schuyler

Guest: Susan Gill, Bill Gerlack

Administrative Announcements and Reports

- 1. Motion to approve minutes of Feb 12, 2014 by Schuyler/Plunkett All approved.**
- 2. Treasurer's report was accepted as presented by Culberson.**
- 3. Pocassetlands Stewardship Report presented by Plunkett**
- 4. Land & Water Conservation Summit. Plunkett was honored on March 8 by the Rhode Island Land Trust Council with the Peter Merritt Award for land Conservation. Plunkett reported on presentations at the Summit.**

Stewardship Reports

- 1. Weetamoo Woods**
- 2. High Hill Point**
- 3. Highland Woods –Preliminary agreement has been reached on the**

vision study being done by Bradford Associates for the property, to be presented to all parties soon. Plunkett and J. Lebreux did a site visit and agreed on the plan for the walkway to be installed on the north trail.

4. Fort Barton Woods – Plunkett reported J. Lebreux would be clearing a tree that had blown down over the blue trail, and requested funding for Lebreux to replace decking on two foot bridges. Motion approved unanimously (Schuyler/Lawrence), up to \$700. No progress to date on restoring stairs from Ft. Barton into Ft. Barton Woods.

5. Pocasset Ridge Plunkett reported on meeting with Katharine Johnson who is looking for funding to do a LIDAR (Laser mapping) survey of Poccasset Ridge. She needs about \$6,000 for the project.

Old Business

1. Comprehensive Plan review – Plunkett presented update.

2. Discussion of procedures for organizing, maintaining, and accessing TOSC records (agendas, minutes, and other documents). Discussion was held on how to handle unsealed executive session minutes.

New Business

1. After discussion, Motion was made to encourage the Town Council to support the state ban on plastic grocery type bags by Janes,

second by Schuyler. All approved

2. Discussion of the need to review and update, as required, current plans and zoning maps for Open Space properties, as well as those for Conservation & Recreation.

Motion to enter executive session was made by Culberson, second by Schuyler. All approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm.

Minutes recorded by

Martin Van Hof