

Tiverton Open Space and Land Preservation Commission

Minutes of November 25, 2014 Meeting at Town Hall, Tiverton, RI

Convened: 7:05 pm

Present: Dennis Culberson, Brian Janes, Garry Plunkett, Phil Schuyler, and Martin Van Hof

Guest: Susan Gill

Administrative Announcements and Reports.

The October 20, 2014 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved – (Schuyler/Culberson).

Treasurer's report: Discussed and accepted.

Plunkett reported that Josh Lebreux purchased the Honda generator (model EU2000IKN ser. no. EAAJ-2089110), for \$500. It was acquired in 2011 with Pocassetlands Stewardship Fund money to accomplish the Fort Barton Woods bridge restoration after the 2010 flood, and approved for disposal at the November meeting. To simplify accounting, Lebreux will deduct the purchase price from a future billing invoice.

Stewardship Reports

A. Weetamoo Woods: Plunkett reported that the annual mowing of Eight Rod Way and the meadow perimeter will be completed as

weather permits. He also indicated that he is following up with the Fire Chief in relation to concerns about access to the Weetamoo Woods in case of a fire on the property.

B. High Hill Point: No report.

C. Highland Woods: Plunkett reported that the Master Plan had been completed by Bradford Associates, who did an outstanding job. The pdf was forwarded to members. John Manchester had done considerable tree clearing of the entry area behind the frontage on Highland Road, and Josh Lebreux cleared the hillside. Red Cedar for screening will be planted in the spring. The new loop trail, Beech Knoll Trail, is now open with temporary entry to Highland Woods being from Fort Barton.

D. Fort Barton Woods: Year-end mowing and clean-up around the Fort will be completed soon. Plunkett and Schuyler will be placing numerous boundary markers, mainly along the south and west boundaries in response to communications from neighboring landowners. Trails are open, streams are running again after the summer drought and visitors are numerous.

E. Pocasset Ridge: The parties have begun work on a plan for a loop trail on the properties. Plunkett provided a plan and a rough map. Motion: To approve the concept, as amended. (Janes/Culberson). Passed.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Executive Session: At 7:53 pm a motion passed unanimously (Janes/Culberson) to go to an executive session in accordance with RIGL 42-46-5 (a) (5), regarding the potential acquisition of property for public use.

Adjournment: At 8:21 pm and upon closing the executive session, a motion to adjourn was approved unanimously (Culberson/Van Hof).

Submitted by J.P. Schuyler