



SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA
SMITHFIELD TOWN HALL
 64 Farnum Pike, Esmond, RI 02917
THURSDAY, July 12, 2012 7:00 P.M.

The public is welcome to any meeting of the **Smithfield Land Trust**. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captions) or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation is needed, please contact the Smithfield Town Manager's Office at 401-233-1010 at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order-- Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification
- II. Minutes of the Land Trust Business meeting of 06/07/12
 - a. Discussion and/or corrections
 - b. Vote to approve and adopt minutes
- III. Move to go into Executive Closed Session pursuant to the following sections(s) of the Rhode Island General Laws:

42-46-5 (a)(5)-Real Estate: For any and all discussions or considerations related to the acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes.

42-46-5(a)(1)-Personnel Issues: For any and all discussions or considerations related to personnel
- IV. Reconvene into Open Public Session to announce any closed session votes as required to be disclosed pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws: 42-46-4
- V. Announce any closed session votes
- VI. Treasurer's report—
- VII. **Signs** for various properties-Type of Sign, Design, Rules Signs, DEM and Smithfield Land Trust Properties—Working on Caroline E Judson Property. **Signs for video surveillance** Updates **Cheryl**
- VIII. Update Projects in Process
 1. **Discussion of Management Plans for Properties and annual site visits:**
 - Wolf Hill
 - Jim Russell-
 - Hanton City/Audubon

Hyde Tree Farm Annual visit Fall/ 2012—
 D'Angelo Family Farm Annual visit Fall 2012 (2011 done 11/21)
 Cavanagh Property – Annual Visit Fall 2012 (done for 2011)
 Steere Orchard –Annual Visit 2012 (2011 done 11/21)
 Caroline E. Judson Trust Property—Signs-- Visit Fall 2012 (done 11/19)
 Matteo Property Annual Site visit –report from Jaswells Spring, 2012
 Olivia's Forest (Gallo)

Properties from Developments—Volunteers to evaluate and visit these properties?

High Ridge (Stillwater Rd)?

Ryan Court –Site Visit ?

Baldwin Drive 41 acres owned by town from Development by Siminelli (2003?)

Process for taking properties—spoke briefly with Mike Phillips

2. **NRCS WHIP** Grant Wolf Hill ends November 2012 signed change with NRCS new person. NRCS sent me some ideas for native plants (grasses and seedings). We now have until November because fall would be a better time than now for the plantings. The money available is 75% of \$1600.00--\$1200 from NRCS \$400 match from us.

Update

Mark/Barbara

3. **Scout Projects** Kiosk for Jim Russell. New scout project - update

Frank

4. **Mary Mowry** -Inheritance- Updates . Signed agreement with PRI to write grant letter to Champlin, due diligence with Revive Roots, moving forward. PRI did site visit-update. Lonnie has created an evaluation form for annual review of leases. Town Council expressed concerns, we are moving ahead, next big thing is lease agreement. PRI is working in property evaluating what needs to be done. Property evaluation for work needed may be complete. Working on lease agreement. Property news.

Barbara/Lonnie

5. Wolf Hill **Trail Maps**- Jeannine, Roy and Barbara Rich walked for 4 hours with GPS, Roy Najecki is very good. He has plat maps and will be back to discuss with us. Update of Property issues.

Parking area on Farnum Pike-Fall/Spring 2012-13

Jim/Kristen

6. **WOLF HILL**—continuing excitement over destruction by those trying to prevent ATV activity and the ATV activity. I have spoken to the police there has been a formal complaint against person digging holes and putting up barriers on the paths. This is not allowed. Compromising the stone walls is a problem. Threatening the alleged ATV riders and families is also not allowed. Discussion Discuss Surveillance cameras.

7. **Summer workers**—2 days Jim Russell for new loop trail. Possible three days for cleaning up Wolf Hill. \$1,200 projected.

8. **Volunteer Stewards**-Jeanine volunteered to lead group(Stewardship Advisor), to plan out some maintenance and activities for properties. Special projects and regular maintenance for properties/Land Trust Members/Volunteers/Friends. We should get this group organized by property. Update **Jeanine**

9. **Technical Review** **Don/Barbara**

10. **Guided Walks**—RI Land Trust Days August-Sept plan some events. We picked August 24 Rain date August 25 for Land Trust days walk—guides/2 groups possible, starting from conservation center. Discussion/Plan **Kristen**

11. **Calendar** for yearly events-August 24 Rain date August 25 land Trust days guided walk **Mark**

12. **Conservation**/Land Trust news— **Cheryl/Don**

IX. **Outstanding items**/Correspondence/New Business/ **Next Meeting August 2, 2012**

X. Move to Adjourn