



SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA

**Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
Thursday, April 6, 2023
6:00 P.M.**

AGENDA

- I. Meeting Called to Order 6:00 PM**
- II. Emergency Evacuation and Health Notification**
- III. Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2023 Land Trust Meeting.**
- IV. Treasurer's report— Russell Potter**

New Business: None

Old Business:

- I. Paul Harrison: Update on Trail Race (September). Route, schedule, volunteers needed, details for discussion. Kate Zimmerman will be joining us to give us details.**

Topics we should discuss:

- max number of participants
- bringing in Gary (road race expert in Smithfield)
- parking availability
- volunteers needed -who and how many
- EMS on trail in case of emergency to cut down response time if ATV access cannot be made available

-firm up dates
-what, if any, is maintenance required
before and potentially after the race

- II. **Report by Tom Gurczka** March work. Wolf Hill assessment. Full report is on Google Drive. Hard Copy for meeting. Preview of April Work and See attachment
- III. Update on Trail Grant, Russell Potter –
- IV. Update on Camp Shephard. Michael Romano See attached
- V. Update on Emergency Access for Wolf Hill Committee –
- VI. **Northern RI Forest School** - update
- VII. **Mowry Gardens** - Revive the Roots update: Ribbon cutting on the Pavilion is April 22 (earth day) Everyone is invited.
 - 1. Update of lease agreement
- VIII. **Discuss Property Monitoring for 2023:** Report on any properties. monitored. Any reports of projects needed on those properties.

IX. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive closed session pursuant to the following section(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.

X. Reconvene in public session to announce any closed session votes.

XVI Public Comment (5 minutes)

XVII Adjournment

Next Meeting May 11, 2023 ?

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| <p>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</p> |
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Tom Gruczka

Mar 26, 2023, 1:35 PM (4 days ago)

to me, Russell, Paul

As members of the Trail Committee I have a few questions that would be helpful to have answers for by the next Board Meeting to guide my future projects:

1. Are there any areas identified in my survey of Wolf Hill you'd like me to move forward on addressing in upcoming weeks?
2. I have measured and planned for the bridges for the Northern Loop of Latham Brook. I am under the impression I can begin to gather cedar for this project. The price quote I received was for \$150-\$250 with my assistance. Do I have a go-ahead to transport cedar to Revive the Roots and begin milling trusses with Bradford Allard?
3. Will the Land Trust purchase or obtain a drill for the construction of upcoming bridges in Latham Preserve and Wolf Hill?
4. Shall steps be taken to develop a step-by-step procedure for dealing with ATV incursions? I am under the impression that there is no formal process currently. I propose the following to be documented photographically and will offer to implement it:
 - 1st violation: Post signage and document tracks
 - 2nd violation: Create some form of barrier (log or stone)
 - 3rd violation: Written notification (if we know the originating location).
 - 4th violation: Smithfield PD notification (This would include all of the above documentation with photos to demonstrate non-compliance)
5. A second round of Marley's Hiking Challenge is set to roll out to LaPerche Elementary and Pleasant View Elementary students for the week of April 7-16. Shall I flag a "Self Guided Loop" marked by colored ribbon in Latham Brook Preserve?

As always, if anything else comes to light that you'd like me to address, please let me know.

Happy Trails,

Tom