



## **SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA**

**Smithfield Town Hall  
64 Farnum Pike  
Smithfield, RI 02917  
Thursday, September 14, 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 August 3, 2023**
- IV. Land Trust Meeting.**
- V. Treasurer's report— Russell Potter**

#### **New Business:**

Discuss "Sand Trace" 38.4 acres Clarence Thurber Drive, Plat 46, Lots 9 and 327  
Property is included in the Town Open Space Zone.

Beech Tree disease. Seems to be in Smithfield. Conservation has expressed concern and we have too. I consulted with Jim Gass. He reached out to URI. There is no treatment as of yet. We need to be aware and concerned that we may lose a lot of trees.

#### **Old Business:**

- I. Report by Tom Gruczka** Update and discussion of form to report property issues. QR code and signs needed for properties with QR codes.

- II. Update on Trail Grant, Russell Potter –
- III. Update on Camp Shephard. Michael Romano
- IV. **Northern RI Forest School** -Update

V. **Mowry Gardens** - Revive the Roots update:  
Update of lease agreement. Consider, discuss and act.

- VI. **Discuss Property Monitoring for 2023:** Report on any properties.  
monitored. Any reports of projects needed on those properties.  
If you need forms we have them, and they are on web site and in your  
notebooks.

Tony Chernasky report work on **Wolf Hill** including water bars, War  
Memorial and Green trail. Some questions.

Latham Brook Preserve: Trails, Keosk parking lot

- VII. Events:

Conservation Commission Woonasquatucket Watershed want to  
do a guided Walk at Latham Brook. They will come and give us  
dates.

Land Trust days Latham Brook Walk,  
Native Plants (Annie) **Sept 16<sup>th</sup>** New Trails etc to highlight  
Property.

Rootstock at Mowry Gardens **9/23/2023**. Volunteers to set up a  
table that day for the Land Trust Jay, Liz, Russell, Barbara will  
take some time to be there. 12:00 -5:00

Training on GIS with Virginia Streeter 10/3/23 at 4:00 pm.  
Confirm which property

- VIII. 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.

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

XVI Public Comment (5 minutes)

XVII Adjournment

**Next Meeting Sept 10/5/2023**

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