



SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA

**Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
Thursday, August 1, 2024
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 June 6, 2024
Land Trust Meeting.**
- IV. **Treasurer's report— Russell Potter**

New Business:

Discuss Forestry Management Plan for Hanton City. Fidelity Forester is working in the area. Plat 49 Lots 82 89. DEM Conservation Easement. Purchased in 2006?

Old Business:

Chris Levesque called and asked if we wanted to participate in **Clean Rhodes Initiative** can be found at <https://www.dot.ri.gov/projects/CleanRhodes/>. In addition, an interactive map can be found on site or at

To do a one day clean up (ie we discussed Mountaindale Rd). We need to contact Steve Cascione 401-563-4110, pick up bags, gloves, grabbers at 360 Lincoln Ave, Warwick, RI.

We should pick a date, we can publicize it and get volunteers to help. I will contact Clean Rhodes and pick up supplies.

- I. **Report by Tom Gruzka** Update
- II. Update on **Trail Grant**, Russell Potter –
- III. Update on **Camp Shephard**. Michael Romano
- IV. **Mowry Gardens** - Revive the Roots update
- V. Update **Conservation Commission**
- VI. **Signs: Sign design policy. Using signs we have discuss and try to come up with a standardization policy.**

List of where we need Signs and work on getting them printed.

- VII. **Discuss Property Monitoring for 2024:** 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.

Properties:

Steere Orchard –Done 10/2023

Conservation Commission border with Autumn Run. Tom has installed the deterrent sign and chain.

WOLF HILL FOREST PRESERVE- More walkway construction on July 28 by Tom and volunteers part of Grant work.

Plat 46 Lots 9 and 327: Consider, discuss and act on a Name for this property. Stillwater Reserve? Stillwater Nature Preserve? Stillwater Swan Wildlife Preserve? Stillwater Wildlife Preserve?

Property has not been transferred to us. The town is discussing possibly reducing the size of the sand hill. They want to create the description for transfer after this is completed.

Latham Brook Preserve Ongoing grant work on the new Trails

See minutes for list of volunteers for each property.

Events:

Sign up for a Land Trust Days Walk at **Latham Brook Preserve**
September 14, 2024. Jim Gass Guide.

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 September 5, 2024

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