



SMITHFIELD LAND TRUST MEETING AGENDA

**Smithfield Town Hall
64 Farnum Pike
Smithfield, RI 02917
Thursday, Sept 5, 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 August 1, 2024
Land Trust Meeting.**
- IV. **Treasurer's report— Russell Potter**

Old Business:

- I. **Report by Tom Gruzka** Update
- II. Update on **Trail Grant**, Russell Potter –
- III. Update on **Camp Shephard**. Michael Romano
- IV. Update on Northeast Forest School- Diana
- V. **Mowry Gardens** - Revive the Roots update. Hannah's request about lease update. Lease amendment attached to discuss with our attorney.
- VI. Update **Conservation Commission**

VII. **Hanton City:**

See attached Forestry Report: Walked property on August 15. Discuss Forestry Management Plan for Hanton City. Fidelity Forester is working in the area. Plat 49 Lots 82 89.

Consider, discuss and act on whether to do a project with detailed information and research on the property.

VIII. **Signs: Sign design policy.** Greg will be working on a policy for our signs.

List of where we need Signs and work on getting them printed will be an ongoing project as we do our stewardship programs.

IX. **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- part of the grant so we have been up there all season. No need for separate stewardship visit.

Plat 46 Lots 9 and 327: Swan Woods at Stillwater Reservoir.

Property will be 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. We do not need a separate stewardship visit for this property.

Events:

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

X. 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.

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

XVI Public Comment (5 minutes)

XVII Adjournment

Next Meeting October 3, 2024

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