

GLOCESTER LAND TRUST
REGULAR MEETING
October 09, 2018

The regular meeting of the Gloucester Land Trust took place on October 09, 2018 at the Gloucester Town Hall. Chair Stephen Mitchell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: Stephen Mitchell, Steven St. Pierre, Gene Cavaliere, Roy Najecki (arrived at 7:07pm), David Piccirillo and Legal counsel John J. Bevilacqua, Sr.

Members Absent: Russell K. Gross and Janine Pitocco

Minutes: Judi Rix

Guests: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum Agenda Items Only: No one present wished to speak.

Approval of minutes of previous meetings

a.. Steven St. Pierre made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 25, 2018 meeting; it was seconded by David Piccirillo and passed unanimously.

Approval of Bills:

a. Steven St. Pierre made a motion to pay Scituate Lumber a total of \$397.99 for lumber for six property signs; David Piccirillo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

b. Gene Cavaliere made a motion to pay Data Frontiers a total of \$1,080.00 for configuration of new iPads; Steven St. Pierre seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

GLT Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Roy Najecki provided a spreadsheet of the recently adopted budget. There was nothing significant to report on from the beginning of the budget year. David Piccirillo made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented; it was seconded by Steven St. Pierre and passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. Signs on GLT properties: Signs are ready to be installed on the properties, but need to decide about how to proceed at Steere Hill. The location that the sign would go at Steere Hill has a tree in the middle of it; would the trustees like to take the tree down or find another location for the sign? Steven St. Pierre would like to see the tree taken down, and also there is a spruce tree at Sprague that needs to be taken down as well. After some discussion, the Board decided the trees will be removed and the signs will be put up.

b. Hawkins Dam and Causeway Project Update: Stephen Mitchell and John Bevilacqua recently met with the senior leadership team from Pare Corporation. Engineer J. Matthew Bellisle was not in attendance due to being on vacation. Attorney Bevilacqua had a few questions regarding the contract, but the members of the leadership team were unable to answer them at that time; they will review the contract and contact Attorney Bevilacqua to work out the details. The Board is hoping the contract will be ready to review for November; once the contract is accepted, the timeclock begins. The Board needs to know the estimated cost of the project; several variables come into play, especially with funding and possible grant opportunities.

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- c. Hunting Permits Update: Steve and Roy have been passing out permits, but the numbers are significantly down. Board unsure of why, it could be other local properties that have opened up for hunting as well.
- d. Report on BSTRA trail ride: Ride went well, Chairman Mitchell was told there were 72 horses present for the recent ride.

New Business

a. Joe Sweet Parking Lot opening and awarding of bid: Chairman Stephen Mitchell opened the one bid the Board received. Mr. David Harris, President of NuLook Seal Coating Company submitted a bid of \$14,800.00. This amount is higher than the last time the bid went out, but the requirements for the bid changed and required more work on the part of the contractor. Chairman Mitchell would prefer not to put this out to bid for a third time since the response was so small; the Board needs to decide if they want to pursue the project or scrap it altogether. Roy Najecki is not sure when the grant for this project expires, and believes it may be the end of this month. Steven St. Pierre would like to move forward with the project and get it done, even if it means we don't get the matching grant funds. The Board does have enough money in the budget put aside to fund the project.

Steven St. Pierre made a motion to accept the bid and award the contract to NuLook Seal Coating Company; it was seconded by David Piccirillo and passed unanimously. Steven St. Pierre will contact Mr. Harris tomorrow and set up a meeting with himself, Attorney Bevilacqua and Mr. Harris to draw up a contract. Mr. Najecki will research when the grant funding expires.

b. Shwartz Family Foundation Donation to GLT: Chairman Stephen Mitchell mentioned this \$1,500 donation (made with no restrictions) at last month's meeting. He wanted the Board to know that he has since deposited that check in the GLT account, and Treasurer Najecki should see it on the budget report from the town.

c. RI DOT financial remuneration for easement along Route 44 in Harmony: Chairman Stephen Mitchell mentioned this \$1 check at last month's meeting. He wanted the Board to know that he has since deposited that check in the GLT account, and Treasurer Najecki should see it on the budget report from the town.

Correspondence: None.

Trail Inspection and Volunteer Hour(s) Reports: None.

Monthly GLT Activities – Reports (discussions and/or actions): Roy Najecki recently met with Boy Scout Chase Leach and his father to discuss possible projects he could complete for his Eagle Scout badge. There were several good options for him, and he will come back before the Board in the spring to discuss in more detail.

Open Forum: Chairman Stephen Mitchell met with the URI intern today that will be working on the baseline documentation for the Kwandran Property as part of her master's degree. She is hoping to get the documentation completed by the end of this month and come before the Board at the November meeting to discuss her work. Steven St. Pierre recently noticed that political signs had been put on the Scotstoun Property, so he took them down.

Executive Session: There was no executive session held at tonight's meeting.

There being no further business before the Land Trust, Stephen St. Pierre made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by David Piccirillo and it passed unanimously.

APPROVED AT NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MEETING.

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