

**HOPKINTON LAND TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**January 8, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Gibbons, and Paul Wilcox, *Trustees*. Harvey Buford, *Hopkinton Conservation Commission*

**ABSENT:** Ed Wood, *Trustee*.

- A. **Call to order** at 7:08 by Grant with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of December 11, 2018 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved as well as placing Executive minutes under seal, passed unanimously.
- C. **Accounting of funds:** Webster \$130,807, no other information available.

**D. Reports**

**Chair:**

**Budget Request FY 19-20:** Grant reviewed a draft budget for FY 19-20 she prepared with Chris Anderson in preparation for meeting with Town Manager McGarry this coming Friday. At his meeting, which will be attended by Grant, Wilcox and Windsor, several issues will be discussed including our budget request.

Grant reported that the Town Council is looking for Hopkinton appointments to Wild and Scenic River Council, meets every 2 months, if anyone has any suggestions.

**Friends of the HLT:** No report.

**Land Management and Stewardship:**

**Trail Camera:** Thompson not here and he is taking the lead on this, detailed discussion will have to wait, though there were some concerns that the cost of cameras may be prohibitive. We are hoping to use these on several trails in the hope of deterring vandalism.

**Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update:** Wood reported on ongoing discussions with DEM with regard to need for full wetland application, he has read the regulations and feels the DEM Director has discretion in the matter.

**Kenyon Crossroads trail work:** This trail needs to be on maintenance schedule in spring when it dries up.

**Crown Farm Preserve planning:** Wood is working on preparing a RFP for engineering services; and Johnson and Windsor will work with engineer to review parking and trail work to be done.

Grills Wildlife sanctuary picnic tables: Measurements have been made for length of chain needed to secure tables to nearby tree. Malcolm Grant is charged with purchasing chain and installation.

**Funding and Grants: None**

**E. Old Business:** None

**F. New Business:** None

**G. Public Forum:** None

**H. Executive Session** [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:18 PM, Gibbons moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 8:28 PM

**I. Adjourn 8:28 PM**

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Baker, Secretary