

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2019

PRESENT: Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Paul Wilcox and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*. Tom Thompson, *Associate*.

ABSENT: Sarah Windsor, *Vice Chair*, Ed Wood, Cyndy Johnson, *Trustees*.

- A. **Call to order** at 7:07 by Grant with 4 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of March 26, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved as well as placing Executive minutes under seal, passed unanimously.
- C. **Accounting of funds:** \$13,674 in Citizens, \$131,226 in Webster.

D. Reports

Chair:

Agricultural Field Lease Update: James signed lease for Crowne Farm fields, we sent updated ag lease to Gary Marsh for fields at Grills Preserve, GWS and Pierce to sync dates with other leases, from spring to spring.

Files: Many boxes downstairs on top of filing cabinets need to be culled through, to organize and file. A work day will be scheduled in the near future to accomplish this task.

Friends of the HLT:

Discussion of funding requests: General discussion was held over the need to clarify the relationship between the HLT and the Friends of the HLT with the goal of enhancing and strengthening each group. Grant will call for an initial meeting of officers and other interested parties from each group and will present findings to the HLT trustees for consideration.

Land Management and Stewardship:

- **Trail Camera:** Wilcox reported he is getting more comfortable with trail camera, picture quality fair at night, much better in the daylight. Access logistics could be problematic, where to put it so can't be seen/stolen. Wilcox will contact property stewards to get their input as to placement and supervision.
- **Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update:** Gina Fuller, Buford, CJ Doyle and Chris Anderson each working on parts of wetlands significant alteration permit, hoping to submit in the next week.
- **Crown Farm Preserve planning parking:** See new business
- **Kenyon Crossroad Trail repair:** Buford and Wilcox didn't visit the past week, working on scheduling visit in the next week or so.
- **Pelloni Diamond Hill Rd trail:** Grant met with Buford at site last week, HLT has odd shaped 20' ROW near where Pelloni is building 2 new houses. Parking access difficult but it

connects with other trails off Cedar Knoll Rd. Baker will look for trails that were located with a GPS unit in the past.

- **Grills Preserve:** Driveway badly rutted, will need work, will call David Benn for a quote. Thompson spoke with Ashaway Fire Department, has not called back, spring may not be best time to burn.

Funding and Grants: None

New business: ward bid for Crown Farm Preserve Parking Engineering:

The RFP was mailed to four engineering firms, we received 2 responses from CJ Doyle and Cherenzia. CJ Doyle's quote was \$2,095, Cherenzia was \$4,650. As Ed Wood wrote the RFP and was most familiar with the proposal, we contacted him via phone to discuss the 2 proposals. Discussion ensued and determined that both proposals met the RFP requirements and Doyle had provided similar services for Kenyon Crossroads and was less expensive. Gibbons made a motion, seconded by Wilcox to accept CJ Doyle's proposal of \$2,095. The motion passed unanimously. Grant will notify Doyle and Cherenzia.

G. Public Forum: None.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:22 PM, Wilcox moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions. Baker seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 8:45 PM

G. Adjourn 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted
Carol Baker, Secretary