

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 28, 2019

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

ABSENT: Paul Wilcox, *Trustee*.

- A. **Call to order** at 7:03 by Grant with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of April 23, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved as well as placing Executive minutes under seal, passed unanimously.
- C. **Accounting of funds:** Citizens as of April 30, \$7,300, Town Stewardship, \$6,781.

D. Reports

Chair:

RI Foundation Workshop June 7: Anderson and Grant will be attending, *Board Chair Peer Learning Breakfast: Board Role in Fundraising*, at SKLT Barn in South Kingstown. Others are welcome to register. Imperative for HLT to continue to be looking for ways to maintain sustainable funding outside of bond funding.

Notice from Planning Board: HLT abutter notice from Ed Carapezza property, 336 Woodville Rd, Plat 8, lot 36, next to Gormley property. Proposed 24 acre solar farm on 170 acres which would require a zone change and a comprehensive plan change. Planning Board meeting on June 5, 7 PM. Grant also received a letter from Clearway Energy Group, working with Carapezza, inviting us to an informational meeting at Westerly regarding the project on May 29 at 6 PM at Westerly Library.

Friends of the HLT:

Garden Party June 1: Patricia Kells, Old Black Farm, this Saturday, June 1.

Anniversary celebration in 2020: HLT and Hopkinton Historical Association are both 20 years old. Anderson talked about a town wide event, perhaps at Crandall Field, has spoken to Mary Sawyer for pre-planning.

Land Management and Stewardship:

- **Trail Camera Update:** No report
- **Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update:** This coming Thursday, Wood, Buford and Anderson will be meeting with CJ Doyle at her office at 10 AM, to review wetland permit application status.
- **Crown Farm Preserve planning:** Grant reported that CJ Doyle has completed the surveying work. Grant spoke with Sylvia Thompson, ccd Frank Landolfi, regarding status of triangular piece of property where the road used to go which is owned by the Town. Windsor

suggested sending a copy of the design to Landolfi and say this is what we want to do. Should be getting design from Doyle in the next several weeks. Buford looking for guidance on signage details for trailhead. Buford will coordinated details with Doyle and her parking lot design. Buford also reported that he has laid out trails on property. Buford requests a site visit with HLT members to review trail layout. This Thursday, 1 PM was settled on. Meet at property.

- **Kenyon Crossroad Trail repair:** Buford, Wilcox and Thompson went out to review trail, boardwalk 1 foot underwater, highest ever, while it has been a wet spring, consensus is that beavers are also part of the problem. Buford suggested contacting Jensen for pricing for helical piles, would last 100 years. Buford will contact Jensen for quick quote.
- **Grills Preserve:** Johnson spoke with Benn, who feels the cost for materials will be over \$3000, so will have to go out to bid, also suggested a perforated pipe to help with drainage. We will research if we can purchase crushed gravel with town contractor.

Funding and Grants: Depot Square reimbursement

Anderson has a list of all expenditures spent so far, will submit forms to RIDEM for reimbursement.

E. Old Business: N/A

F. New Business: N/A

G. Public Forum: Buford reported that the Conservation Commission is trying to move ahead with John Palmer with wind turbine project on his farm, zoned manufacturing. Not allowed anywhere in town, wants this to be a test case.

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

Return from Executive Session at 8:39 PM

G. Adjourn 8:39 PM

Respectfully submitted
Carol Baker, Secretary