

TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 23, 2019

PRESENT: Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Cynthia Johnson, Ed Wood, Paul Wilcox and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*, Tom Thompson, *Associate Land Trust Trustee*, . Harvey Buford, *Conservation Commission*.

ABSENT: Sarah Windsor, *Vice-Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*

- A. **Call to order** at 7:064 by Grant with 5 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of June 25, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections, passed unanimously.
- C. **Accounting of funds:** Citizens as of June 30 3940. Grant reported that stewardship funds will be moved into Citizens account. Grant also reported working on getting reimbursement from DEM for \$18K, DEM is requiring HLT to provide backs of checks which is delaying this. Webster's \$641,887 (includes last \$500K from bond and will be receiving additional \$17,780 from tax tittle redemption plus fees on Hopkinton parcel from sale of BDA)

D. Reports

Chair:

Strategic Plan meeting: Will be in place of annual meeting in conjunction with F/HLT tentatively scheduled on November 12 at 6 PM.

Future meetings: August 27, September 24 and then 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

Grant, Buford and Tom Elmore (Historical Landscape architect) visited Manitou Hassanach property (without Lidar). Goal is to survey 2-1acre sections of property in great detail with hand held Lidar. Price will be \$2500/acre for a total of \$5000. Buford requesting \$2000 from HLT and will be seeking other funding from NEARA (New England Antiquities Research Association) and others. After discussion, motion raised by Johnson to fund up to \$2000 for Lidar survey contingent on 4 things: 1- \$3000 will be raised elsewhere (Buford will be seeking these additional funds)

2-HLT will be able to review and approve scope of work

3-HLT will have rights of access/ownership of data

4-Commitment to provide money expires 1/31/2020

Wilcox seconded motion, passed unanimously.

Friends of the HLT:

No updates

Land Management and Stewardship:

- **Trail Camera Update:** none
- **Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail** Wood is working on additional requirements sent by DEM for wetlands permit. Most recently DEM sent out an 18 page questionnaire about storm water discharge.

- **Crown Farm Preserve planning:** Grant brought in hard copy of new design from CJ Doyle. Questions about slope of parking area raised by Wilcox and Buford. They will meet on site 7/27/19 morning to scope out and contact CJ Doyle to discuss.
 - Grant raised issue about triangular piece of property that belongs to town of Hopkinton where parking area will be located. (Plat 5, lot 108) McCoy (lawyer for HLT) and McAllister (town solicitor) have been working together on this and there are concerns about wording in deed in 1891 that may prevent transfer to HLT. Wood offered to call McCoy speak about this and move toward 'agreement' rather than transfer.
- **Grills Wildlife Sanctuary:** Birch tree clean up, date set for Saturday, Wilcox, Buford and Baker will go to site with safety equipment on 7/27/19 morning

E. Old Business: Grills Preserve parking upgrade. Bids are in from David Benn for \$2100 and Russ Tuthill, Sunset Design for \$1600 for construction. Estimates for materials are for \$3000 from Sunset Design and \$6400 from David Benn. Motion raised by Johnson to accept Sunset Design bid for \$1600 and to call stone companies suggested by Hopkinton DPW to get best rate for purchase and delivery of crushed stone (20 cu yds) and gravel (40 cu yds). Within motion is to ask Friends of HLT to contribute/pay for construction costs. Seconded by Wilcox, passed unanimously. Johnson will also call David Benn and Sunset Design to let them know above.

F. New Business: Johnson requesting assistance to move wood in barn on Main Street, as house/barn are being sold in next month. Wood and Buford agreed to work together on this and move wood to Wood property.

Public Forum: Buford reported that Sylvia Thompson on Hopkinton Town Council proposing removal of discouragement of Wind Turbines in town on next Comp Plan. HCC has given support and he would appreciate HLT support and letter on this. After discussion, agreed to vote on at next HLT meeting. Buford concerned that Town Council meeting is prior to HLT meeting and informal verbal agreement among members present of support was given.

G. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:52 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. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 9 PM

H. Adjourn 9 PM

Respectfully submitted
Mary Gibbons, Trustee