

**HOPKINTON LAND TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 27, 2019**

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice- Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Cynthia Johnson, Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*. Joe Moreau, Paula Moreau, and Carol Desrosiers, *Public*.

**ABSENT:** Ed Wood, Paul Wilcox, *Trustees*

- A. Call to order** at 7:07 by Grant with 5 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of July 23, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections, passed unanimously.
- C. Accounting of funds:** Citizens as of July 31, 2019, \$17.72 Webster's \$641,202.

**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 at Crandall House.

Future meetings: September 24 and then 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month, October 8 and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: For HLT and HHA, town-wide event, Anderson from Friends is looking for Land Trust trustee to be on planning committee. Gibbons and Windsor expressed tentative interest and will contact Anderson.

**Friends of the HLT:** No new news.

**Land Management and Stewardship:**

- **Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail:** Grant reported that the wetlands permit application is complete and submitted.
- **Crown Farm Preserve planning:** Grant finalizing design plans with CJ Doyle, should go out to bid by end of the week. Still working on 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) are working together on this.
- **Grills Wildlife Sanctuary:** Buford and Wilcox are working on many surveying and working on plan to remove several downed trees on the trails.
- **Grills Preserve Parking Upgrade:** Johnson reported that Gordan Ulner from Rawson Materials, in Westerly, offered to donate materials and Cherenzia, delivered 5 loads of crushed stone and gravel, \$1095 for donated materials. Sunset Design will be spreading it soon, paid for by Friends.
- **Funding and Grants:** Grant reported we have made our first request for to DEM for repayment of Depot Square / Brushy Brook Trail, about \$18,000.

**E. Old Business:** N/A

**F. New Business:** N/A

**G. Public Forum:** Joe Moreau spoke how he and his wife Paula are concerned about proliferation of applications for solar developments and rezoning of residential land for this purpose. They discussed how they moved to Hopkinton 19 years ago because it was country, have been attending board, council and budget hearings to learn about the Town. They formed an organization called Hopkinton Citizens for Responsible Development, hired James Donnelly, an attorney from Wakefield, to advocate on their behalf; their concern is to protect the rural character of Hopkinton.

**H. Executive Session** [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:08 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. Baker seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 8:29 PM

**I . Adjourn:** 8:29 PM

Respectfully submitted  
Carol Baker, Secretary