

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2020

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

ABSENT: Ed Wood, *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 December 10, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved, passed unanimously, including sealing of Executive Minutes.

C. Accounting of funds: As of December 31, Citizens, \$24,791, Webster, \$663,666.

D. Reports

Chair: Meeting Schedule: 1/28, 2/11, possibly 2/25

Land and Water Summit registration: March 7: Save registration receipt for reimbursement
Subcommittees:

Policy/Ordinance: Grant suggested that Wood would take lead, to work on working on ordinances to give us better ability to control vandalism. Grant has forwarded info from other Land Trusts as a starting point.

Advocacy: Grant spoke with Al DiOrio, Chair of Planning Board, will attend a HLT meeting in the near future, to help us understand how the Planning Board functions and how we can become more involved and aware of proposals before town. Wilcox, Windsor and Johnson expressed interest in being involved with this subcommittee.

Friends of the HLT: None

Land Management and Stewardship:

Crown Farm Preserve planning: All excavating done, stumps hauled off site, parking lot filled in and graded, asphalt millings dumped and partially spread and compacted. Driveway apron will be paved in spring.

Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update: Wood reported via email that Peter Jensen's work will be divided into two phases: a planning and design phase and a construction phase. Jensen will get us a proposal on construction costs and timetable by the end of January. Wood suggested to think of construction phases in 3 phases, based on funding availability: (1) the main trail (2) the viewing/fishing platform, and (3) the spur trail to the parking lot on Switch Road. Jensen has set aside some time in early Fall for the actual construction. We talked about the possibility that he could get down for a few hours sometime in the spring or summer to talk about whether there are some things we could do with volunteers to make the work go faster in the fall. Grant said she spoke to Eric Beck at DEM who told her they had not gone out to public notice yet, should have permit by end of February.

Kenyon Crossroads trail work: Nothing new until Jensen can visit and we discuss what is possible with budget constraints.

Funding and Grants: None

E. Old Business: Crown Farm Preserve Parking

Grant reported there is need for installation of geotextile fabric under the fill at east side of the excavated area due to water seepage and for 2" stone to be substituted for some of the processed gravel in that area. An \$500 is needed to be added to the contract for additional labor and materials to cover this. Windsor made a motion, seconded by Gibbons, to approve additional cost. Passed unanimously.

F. New Business: Annual reorganization

- Grant willing to be chair for one more year with dedicated weekly support by Land Trust members. Baker made a motion, seconded by Gibbons for Grant to be Chair for calendar year 2020, passed unanimously
- Wilcox made a motion, seconded by Johnson for Windsor to be Vice Chair for calendar year 2020, passed unanimously
- Gibbons made a motion, seconded by Windsor, for Baker to be Secretary.

G. Public Forum: None

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 7:57 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.

I. Adjourn: 8:26 PM

Respectfully submitted
Carol Baker, Secretary