

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
December 10, 2019

PRESENT: Marilyn Grant (arrives 6:15), *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice- Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Mary Gibbons, and Cyndy Johnson, *Trustees*. Harvey Buford, *Conservation Commission*

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

A. Call to order at 6:03 by Windsor with 4 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of November 26, 2019 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved, passed unanimously, including sealing of Executive Minutes.

C. Accounting of funds: Citizens, \$25,985, Webster, \$663,019.

D. Reports

Chair: Meeting Schedule, Subcommittee, thank you letter sent

Meeting Schedule: January 14, 28, Feb 11 and 25 tentative meeting dates

Subcommittee: Grant suggested the formation of 2 HLT subcommittees to work on specific projects:

1. **Advocacy:** to develop strategy for advocacy in the planning stages of development for environmental aspects of plans
2. **Ordinance/Policy:** Regarding property rules violations or encroachments

Grant requested trustees to consider what subcommittees they would be willing to be on.

Thank you letter sent to Al DiOrio for surveying triangular shaped property abutting Crown Farm Preserve at no cost.

Friends of the HLT: No report

Land Management and Stewardship:

Crown Farm Preserve planning: Property transfer update

Grant reported McAllister (town attorney) said deed will be ready by end of the week for triangle. Treework has been completed. Grant emailed vendor for project status.

Grills Preserve: Gate/Entryway: Still problems with gate being opened, contacted Amtrak who added a lock, still problems with daisy chain, but appears to be resolved. Amtrak, DEM and HLT all have keys to locks.

Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update: Wood reported via email that DEM is going to public notice for wetland alteration application. Anderson mailed 6 full size and 31 smaller plan copies today. Wood has spoken with Jensen regarding trail work, sent him information, Jensen said he might be able to start work in late summer.

Kenyon Crossroads trail work: Buford spoken with Jensen regarding getting quotes for piles and trail construction.

Funding and Grants: Chris researching new potential funding and grant opportunities with the assistance of a new volunteer.

E. Old Business: None

F. New Business: None

G. Public Forum: Buford suggested looking into a security camera for Manitou Hassannash preserve. Progress in documentation is continuing and clearing of bullbriar as well.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 6:52 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. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I. Adjourn: 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted
Carol Baker, Secretary