

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2020

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

ABSENT: Ed Wood, *Trustee*.

A. Call to order at 7:04 by Grant with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of January 14, 2020 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved, passed unanimously, including sealing of Executive Minutes.

C. Accounting of funds: None.

D. Reports

Chair: Meeting Schedule: One in February, on 2/25

Land and Water Summit registration: March 7: Grant reminded all interested trustees to register

April 30 Open meetings workshop: For all town boards and commissions, Grant will attend, others expressed interest as well.

Feb 13 6:30 Town Council budget hearing for HLT, Grant will attend and will send out budget documents next week.

Subcommittees:

Policy/Ordinance: Nothing new from Wood.

Advocacy: Windsor reported that she, Grant and Johnson met with Al DiOrio, Chair of Planning Board (PB), yesterday afternoon, who suggested that if we want to have input on projects before the PB that we attend each meeting and make public comments. They also met with Town Clerk about getting HLT an ex-officio on Planning Board, who stated that it is not possible without change in the Town Charter. It was suggested that we would like to get on official list for getting PB packets. Windsor suggest that we approach Town Council regarding more standing at PB meetings. Windsor and Johnson will approach Sylvia Thompson, our TC liaison. PB meets first Wednesday of every month.

Friends of the HLT: Summer garden party:

Anderson reported via Grant that date and site to be determined.

Land Management and Stewardship:

Crown Farm Preserve planning: Buford reported that large equipment has been removed, some minor erosion at edge of parking lot, notified Key Corp who will drive by tomorrow. \$10,718 bill submitted today for parking lot materials. Seed and loam will be planted this spring which will stabilize erosion issues.

Depot Square/Brushy Brook Trail update: Grant reported we have received wetlands permit Public notice, which closes March 2. All comments have to be submitted in writing to DEM.

Funding and Grants: None

E. Old Business: None

F. New Business: None

G. Public Forum: None

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 7:42 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. Gibbons seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

I. Adjourn: 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted
Carol Baker, Secretary