

**HOPKINTON LAND TRUST**  
**TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

**November 22, 2021 - Crandall House**

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice-Chair*, Tom Thompson and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*.

**ABSENT:** Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Jason Parent, Cyndy Johnson, *Trustees*

A. **Call to order** at 7:08 by Grant with 4 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. **Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of October 25, 2021 Public minutes were reviewed. There was no Executive Session. Windsor made a motion to approve Public minutes, which was seconded by Gibbons. Motion passed unanimously.

**C. Old Business**

1. Chair and Member reports: Meeting schedule – December 20th, 6PM, (followed by holiday gathering Baker’s home in Ashaway, January 20, 2022

2. Budget and Funding update: Citizen’s \$ 20,136.30; Webster ~\$240,000.

Will need to submit for 50% of cost of survey, appraisal and closing costs on James property

3. Subcommittees:

Advocacy: Update on plans before the Planning Board

Comolli: Easement being developed by McCoy

Proposal from Comolli for trail clearing

4. Friends/HLT: Survey re: participation, 30 responded

Wild and Scenic Grant: Bench for fishing platform, discussed options, plan to pick out a bench and secure to the platform.

5. Land Mgmt and Stewardship:

General: Tree clearing, contract for big projects RFQ on town website, and ad went in 11/21/21.

Grant also found 2 landscape contractors in area and will send RFQ to companies. Bids due 12/13/21.

Grant to contact Harvey Buford to discuss Beaver Flood trail.

Depot Square/Brushy Brook update: Grant to check in with Peter Jensen on schedule and plans.

Grant brough up possibility of applying for grant for eradication of Japanese Knotweed/invasives

through Wild and Scenic grant. Discussed having Linda Steere come and look and give advice.

Thompson to contact Dave Caswell, Public Works, about removal of fallen tree at Depot Square

Grills Preserve: burn clearing, agricultural field project update. Thompson has call in to Gary Marsh.

James: Closing formally completed 11/18/21. HLT holds title, DEM holds CE.

**D. New Business: RI Walks/Challenge**

Gibbons to contact RILT for more information and offer Grills Preserve as site for a ‘creature’.

**E. Public Forum/Trustees Forum, none**

**F. Executive Session: (if needed) pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch. 42-46-5a, (5)]**  
None needed

**G. Adjourn 8:20 pm**

Respectfully submitted  
Mary Gibbons, Acting Secretary