

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2022
Crandall House

PRESENT: Sarah Windsor *Chair*, Jason Parent, *Vice-Chair*, Tom Thompson, Marilyn Grant, Cyndy Johnson and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*. Alana Russell, *HLT Associate*, Bob Marvel, *HLT Liason*

ABSENT: Carol Baker, *Secretary*

A. Call meeting to order at 7:02 by Windsor with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes Minutes of March 28, 2022 Public minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made Gibbons to send on to Baker. Grant made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Johnson, passed unanimously.

C. Old Business:

1. Chair: Meeting Schedule:

Next Land Trust meeting will be May 23.

2. Budget and Funding Update

Grant reported: Citizens Account: \$14,272, Webster: \$270,603. Grant will contact Budget office (Liz Monti, Deb) to request identification of deposits to HLT, checks and electronic transfers

Chris Anderson has filed for (5th) extension of DEM Depot Square funding

Windsor reported Harvey Buford contacted her that the trail grant for Beaver Flood trail was approved. She will schedule a meeting with Harvey Buford, Grant, Thompson, Chris Anderson and herself to discuss what needs to be done. Grant is for \$58K.

3. Subcommittees:

Advocacy: Update on planning board: Johnson reported the following:

1) June 1, discussion of Brushy Brook, June 10 decision on Brushy Brook

3) Next planning board meeting June 4, discussion on Skunk Hill Solar, decision may be on June 12

4. Friends/HLT:

Wild and Scenic: 7 Rivers Festival June 25 and 26.

Russell spoke of proposed talke on aquatic insects at Depot Square, including demo with pre-collected specimens or collecting at time on site

Need for work party at Depot Square discussed, is next proposed site after Crown Farm

Work party at Crown Farm on April 22, Grant reported 13 people showed up and work done on painting stenciled trail marks on trees on 2 trails, clearing on 3rd trail (Hayfield Trail), map placed on kiosed and signs posted stating area closed dusk to dawn.

Next work party Crown Farm April 30 at 9:30. Will post notice boards on site

Windsor reported being contacted by Deb O'Leary from HCC saying they have funding for Peter Stetson to do more trail mapping and if HLT could use his help. Discussion ensued about Pelloni Preserved that more trail blazing/flagging and GPS is needed to determine boundaries of property before trail mapping can be done.

Windsor reported Chris Anderson's concern that Hopkinton Outdoors Initiative QR code is on brochures and kiosk at Crown Farm and out of date. Russell has word press and will contact Chris Anderson on what needs to be done. Bob Marvel also offered his services, was in IT and Jeff Frenette, IT for Hopkinton

5. Land Management and Stewardship:

June 6 Sunset Design/Russ Tuttle and Peter Jensen to meet at Depot Square

Crown Farm has a knot weed problem on the berm by road. Grant proposed setting up a meeting with Thompson and Sunset Design/Russ Tuttle to discuss knotweed problems, parking at Mechanic Street by Depot Square and if Russ has a license for herbicides to remove invasives.

Grant reported Astrid would appreciate removal of garlic mustard from the HLT parking area across the street. Scheduled informal gathering Thursday April 28 at 3pm, Russell, Grant, Johnson, Gibbons expressed interest.

Russell reported on conversation with Howie Cook, DEM about knotweed removal. He told her an aquatic permit is needed for 'state waters' only and that applicator must have a license. Discussion on what is considered 'state waters' and Russell to clarify with Cook.

D. Old Business: None

E. New Business: Windsor reported receiving email from Tom Pirnie with interest to continue mowing and clearing of 4 trailheads for same price as last 4 years and would be able to cut swath along Depot Square/BB trail for \$520 additional. Grant made motion to fund Coastal Landscapes/Tom Pirnie for mowing and clearing of 4 trailheads for \$3680 and additional cutting along Depot Square/BB trail for \$520 for 2x this year, starting end of May. Johnson seconded motion, passed unanimously. Windsor to contact Tom Pirnie to let him know.

F. Public Forum / Trustees Forum:

Johnson printed up property lists for Russell and Parent. Parent, Thompson, Russell and Johnson reported on Land Trust Alliance Seminars. Lots of information, much geared towards non profit land trusts.

G. Executive Session: None

H. **Adjourn:** 8:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Mary Gibbons, Trustee