

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

**October 25, 2021 - Crandall House**

**PRESENT:** Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice-Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Jason Parent, Cyndy Johnson, Tom Thompson and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*.

**ABSENT:** None

- A. Call to order** at 7:15 by Grant with 7 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. Approval of previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of September 27, 2021 Public minutes were reviewed. There were no Executive Session. Parent made a motion to approve Public minutes, which was seconded by Gibbons. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Old Business:**
1. Chair and Member Reports:
    - i. Westerly Track Race: Baker and Anderson coordinated clearing of Polly Coon, with Westerly Track and Athletic Club volunteers. Many thanks to them for their work! Race is this Saturday, and members are invited to come to the start.
    - ii. Regular Meeting Schedule: November 22, December 20.
    - iii. Annual meeting, goals: November 15, 7 PM Crandall house.
    - iv. WPWA Kassi Donnelly contacted HLT re State Film Committee project on making film of statewide Open spaces, would like to film areas of the Grills Preserve. Baker made a motion to approve access and project, seconded by Thompson. Passed unanimously.
    - v. Land Trust Council \$200 dues, vote on next time.
  2. Budget and Funding Update: Grant reported the balances as of the end of September are Citizens \$20,871 and Webster \$666,161. Includes \$5,644 from real estate transfer fee.
  3. Subcommittees:
    - i. Advocacy – Update on Plans before the Planning Board: Johnson reported on the following from the Planning Board Meeting:
      1. Comolli Solar plat 2 lot 73
        - a. Next is preliminary meeting with Planning Board...no date
        - b. G Comolli and John McCoy awaiting information from Centrica lawyer, Joelle Rocha re: CE required for further progress
      2. Skunk Hill Solar: plat 18 lot 8, 13, 14
        - a. Lawyers and expert witnesses for both developer and objectors presented data
        - b. Continued to next Planning Board meeting Nov 3 at 6:00 for further comments
        - c. Dec 8 for possible decision
      3. Stone Ridge: plat 11 lot 47A
        - a. Zoning Board hearing objection by Peter Squirz (for abutter Sculco) to PB's Master Plan approval of this project

- b. Meeting again on Dec 16
  - 4. Revity Solar/ Frontier Rd: plat 7 lot 62, 62A,63
    - a. Zoning Board upheld PB on challenge by Revity of conditions #5 (vegetative) and #26 (hours of operation)
  - 5. Atlantic Solar: plat 7 lot 32, plat 10 lot 87, plat 11 lot 35
    - a. Between route 95 and route 3
    - b. Brief intro and schedule return to Planning Board on 11.3.21 @ 6:00
- ii. Policy – Chapter 20 Traffic and Motor Vehicles to add Article IV relating to the use of recreational vehicles, introduced and sponsored by Councilor Marvel. Approved by Town Council on 10/4.

4. Friends/HLT:

- i. Fall (Spring) Trail Projects: Survey from HLT ongoing.
- ii. Wild and Scenic grant: WPWA sponsored \$4,000 grants, hoping to spend on bench for fishing platform, knotweed removal with flame thrower.

5. Land Mgmt and Stewardship

- i. Tree Clearing/ contract for big projects RFQ. Grant continues to work on text using town's 3 year engineering RFQ as a template with the help of Rosso. Playing phone tag with Dave Caswell from DPW to coordinate.
- ii. Depot Square/Brushy Brook: Tree removal on radar for work project.
- iii. Grills Preserve: Thompson reported that he continues leaving messages with fire department with regards to burning brush pile, with no response. Thompson reported this is still little progress on the agricultural field project, but spoke with the Marsh's who apologized as they are backlogged with other work, but promised to start on this in the near future.
- iv. James: MOU, management Plan, Survey
  - 1. State property committee approved conservation easement, check for \$325K will be coming from DEM, closing scheduled for early next week, will be done virtually.
  - 2. Baker reported that the property Survey by Garofalo is complete.
  - 3. Grant and Thompson met with Doug James re: MOU for firewood removal, will need 24 hours notice. James overall satisfied with entire process.

**D. New Business:** None

**E. Public Forum/Trustees Forum:** None

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

**I. Adjourn** 8:38 PM

Respectfully submitted  
 Carol Baker, Secretary