

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

**June 13, 2022**

**Crandall House**

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

**ABSENT:** Mary Gibbons, *Trustee*

**A. Call meeting to order** at 7:05 by Windsor with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

**B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes:** No minutes were available

**C. Accounting of Funds:** None were available

**D. Chair and Member Reports**

1. Chair Report: Meeting schedule and dates: July 25, August 22
  - i. Thompson sent resignation letter to Town Council, Russell will submit a letter of interest to the Town Council
2. Funding and Grants: Beaver Flood Trail grant update
  - i. Buford, Grant and Anderson recalculated budget due to rising prices, hopefully still doable. Sent updated info to Lisa McGreavey at DEM, federal monies are now involved so more restrictions. Helical piles, framing and some labor at least. Also put together a calendar/schedule:
    1. DEM Paperwork: August
    2. Fall 2022-Fall 2023 construction and completion
3. Subcommittees
  - i. Advocacy: Planning Board Updates: Johnson reported on the following:
    1. John McCoy and Joelle Rocha have easement and management plan in hand for Comolli.
    2. Skunk Hill Rd, Map 18, Lot 8, 13,14, Solar farm, August 3 is public hearing.
    3. Atlantic Solar: Moved to August 11 meeting
    4. Stone Ridge: In front of Zoning Board of Review
  - ii. Other: None
4. Friends/HLT: 7 Rivers Festival June 25/26
  - i. Russell's aquatic invertebrate program is scheduled for Sat, 6/25 from 1-3 PM at Brushy Brook fishing platform
5. Land Management and Stewardship
  - i. Progress on projects for Sunset Design: Thompson and Grant met with Tuthill at Depot Square to discuss projects, ordered black locust, split rail for Depot Square parking

area, gates at Crown Farm need to be installed, knotweed removal at Depot Square and Crowne farm is ongoing issue.

ii. Trail Development/Updates

1. Brushy Brook: Trail that was washed out was replaced by Russ Tuthill and Peter Jensen. Trail looks beautiful!!!!
2. Pelloni: Parent went out with GPS/Field Maps, said one loop trail in good shape. Side trails dead end off main trail, some cross off property. Need to mark property boundaries. Marvel put Parent in touch with Hop IT to update Hopkinton Outdoors, Parent will make map. Tomaquag Trail continues over stream and peters out, needs to be cleaned up.
3. Crown Preserve: One trail on map that needs to be cleared, where a gate will go. Tuthill will install, Thompson and Grant will coordinate.

iii. Knotweed Update: See Above

**E. Old Business:**

1. Hunting queries and clarification
  - a. Windsor spoke with Cheryl Wiitala from TNC regarding hunting on Canonchet Brook, she will check their records to confirm.
2. Farm Leases: Anderson said haven't been billed since 2019, except for Tefft. Liz Monti looking into it.
3. Comolli History: Grant still looking into history of property.

**F. New Business:**

1. Mosca Property: Moved to Executive Session
2. Appraisal Bid: Moved to Executive Session

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

**H. Executive Session** [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:28 PM, Baker moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions, and to allow Russell to attend. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Reconvene in Open Session at 8:48 PM

Motion to seal the minutes of Executive Session: Parent made a motion to seal the Executive Minutes, seconded by Thompson. Passed unanimously.

**I. Adjourn:** 8:48 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baker, Secretary