

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 25, 2022
Crandall House

PRESENT: Sarah Windsor *Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Alana Russell, Marilyn Grant, Cyndy Johnson and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*.

ABSENT: Jason Parent, *Vice Chair*

- A. Call meeting to order** at 7:05 by Windsor with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.
- B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes:** Minutes of May 23 Public and Executive and June 13, 2022 Public minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made. Gibbons made a motion to approve the amended minutes and seal the executive minutes, seconded by Russell, passed unanimously.
- C. Accounting of Funds:** Citizens \$14,041, Webster \$270,765
- D. Chair and Member Reports**
1. Chair Report: Meeting schedule and dates: Next meeting will be August 22
 - i. Thompson resignation was accepted by Town Council, Russell was approved by the Town Council as our newest trustee, welcome Alana!
 2. Funding and Grants: Beaver Flood Trail grant update
 - i. Depot Square: Second reimbursement submitted long time ago, DEM won't release reimbursement until final paperwork is completed. Anderson and Grant worked on this today.
 - ii. Beaver Flood Trail: Grant paperwork submitted, waiting for Town Finance Dept to submit paperwork.
 3. Subcommittees
 - i. Advocacy: Planning Board Updates: Johnson received a call this AM
Johnson was contacted by developer Jason Tefft re Skunk Hill Road Solar, Solar AP 18, Lots 8, 13, 14. They are coming before the Planning Board, we are invited for trail walk, starts at Arcadia Road, August 3 @ 4 PM.
 4. Friends/HLT: Depot Square Dedication Event: Windsor and Grant have been discussing dedication event for finalization of trail. Trying to find a date, potentially September 18th or 24, to coincide with Music in Valley.
 5. Land Management and Stewardship
 - i. Progress on projects for Sunset Design: Parking area at Brushy Brook Trail. Grant is speaking with Russ Tuthill, no definitive dates yet. Split rail has been purchased.
 - ii. Pelloni trail update: No report.
 - iii. Map/Kiosk updates: Depot Square kiosk is up, still waiting on one map.

- iv. Mowing: Windsor reported we had one phone message expressing concern that grass was high at one trailhead parking lot, but unclear as to what property she spoke of. Anderson called back for clarification, has not heard back.

E. Old Business: None

F. New Business:

1. Fire Wise Community Meeting: Gibbons attended through Hope Valley / Wyoming invited, more about protecting individual homes, and private property.
2. Land and Water Summit Briefings, July 15: Sheldon Whitehouse and Terry Gray, head of DEM spoke, Grant, Windsor and Johnson attended. Climate change and resiliency, Environmental Justice, Land Stewardship Roundtable (long term encroachment, monitoring, Invasive Species), Forest Health Project (federal funds through NRCS will be available soon for easement) were workshops that members attended.
3. Windsor reported Jeff Walker from Westerly Athletic Club is requesting once again to host part of the Grills Trail Race in October 29 on Land Trust property. All were in support of this request with condition of proof of liability insurance.

G. Public Forum / Trustees Forum: Russell has spoken with Anderson about updating FaceBook page, no one knows password. Russell will follow up and offered to be point person for updates and making it more active.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:13 PM, Russell 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.

Reconvene in Open Session at 9:12 PM

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

I. Adjourn: 9:13 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baker, Secretary