

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2022

Crandall House

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

ABSENT: Mary Gibbons, Alana Russell, Trustees

A. Call meeting to order at 7:03 by Windsor with 5 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: Minutes of August 22 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made. Johnson made a motion to approve the amended minutes Seconded by Grant and seal the executive minutes, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of Funds: Grant reported the following balances: Citizens \$11,863, Webster \$271,206. Grant also reported she is still awaiting a response from the Finance Director and Town manager requesting information regarding why \$20K reimbursed to us from DEM for closing on the James property hasn't been moved into our accounts yet.

D. Chair and Member Reports

1. Chair Report: Meeting schedule and dates: Next meeting October 24

2. Funding and Grants:

i. Depot Square reimbursement: Anderson still gathering paperwork, including collation of volunteer hours, to finish remainder of submittal requirements.

3. Subcommittees

i. Advocacy: None

ii. Friends/HLT: Depot Square Dedication Event: 10/23/22 at 2 PM, in honor of Edward and Linda Wood

4. Land Management and Stewardship

i. Comolli: Johnson and Buford walked Chase Hill site with George Comolli on September 10, to determine trail location, needed to be cleared. Comolli and his brother have since cleared all the trails and are working on design for stone marker with names of quarry workers.

ii. Trail development at Pelloni: Parent reached out to Anderson to find a time in next couple of weeks for Friends work party to blaze trails.

iii. Potential Brushy Brook entrance sign: A new sign is needed for head of trail, where clearing exists. Anderson and Grant will coordinate.

- E. Brushy Brook Knotweed removal update: Grant found a company who does knotweed removal, with necessary state permits, using pesticide Glyphosate, safer to use near water. Grant and Russell confirmed with DEM that no permits were needed and were qualified to do the work. Friends paid for the work.

- F. **Old Business:**
Windsor reported that a payment from 2020 re: Southern Sky Solar tree/fence repair, where a tree from our property damaged their fence, was never paid. Payment was completed.

- G. **New Business:** None

- H. **Public Forum / Trustees Forum:** Baker reported she was recently reappointed for another 5 year term on the Land Trust by the Town Council.

- H. **Executive Session** [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:13 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. Johnson seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Reconvene in Open Session at 8:21 PM

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

I. Adjourn: 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baker, Secretary