

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

August 22, 2022

Crandall House

PRESENT: Sarah Windsor *Chair*, Jason Parent, *Vice Chair* Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Alana Russell, Marilyn Grant, Cyndy Johnson and Mary Gibbons, *Trustees*. Bob Marvel, *Town Council liaison*

ABSENT: None

A. Call meeting to order at 7:04 by Windsor with 7 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: Minutes of July 25 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made. Johnson made a motion to approve the amended minutes Seconded by Gibbons and seal the executive minutes, seconded by Russell, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of Funds: Citizens \$24,188, Webster \$270,939.

D Chair and Member Reports

1. Chair Report: Meeting schedule and dates: Next meeting will be September 26.
2. Funding and Grants: Beaver Flood Trail grant update
 - i. Depot Square reimbursement: Anderson submitted status report to DEM and is gathering paperwork to finish remainder of submittal requirements.
 - ii. Beaver River Trail progress: Grant reported that federal approval has come through for the grant.
3. Subcommittees
 - i. Advocacy: Jason Tefft walk/Update: Solar project AP 18, Lots 8, 13 and 14.
 1. Johnson reported that she and Grant met with Jason Tefft and walked existing trail on property. Begins as wide road, at Arcadia Rd trailhead and goes to Goat Rocks. Trail created by ATV use. Johnson viewed Planning Board meeting remotely where Talia Jalette, Town planner, requested formalized plans from Tefft with more detail. They will hold FS, we will obtain CE. Project was pre-approved by previous Town Council, just ironing out details.
 - ii. Friends/HLT: Depot Square Dedication Event: 10/23/22, in honor of Edward and Linda Wood
4. Land Management and Stewardship
 - i. Progress on projects for Sunset Design: Parking area at Brushy Brook Trail completed. Fence is complete, muddy spot graded, parking lot complete, looks beautiful. However, Johnson reported that of the 5 swamp maple and 15 native shrubs that we planted, all 5 swamp maples were cut down and most of the 15 native shrubs were missing or trampled by foot traffic. There was also much garbage under fishing area

which was cleaned up by Johnson and Michael Hoxie. Graffiti present as well. Johnson thinks someone who is not happy with the project is doing this. These plantings are required for DEM compliance for grant reimbursement. Grant will talk to Anderson and perhaps reach out to McGreavey at DEM to discuss how to deal with this.

- ii. Trail development at Pelloni trail update: Parent sent out a map, and reports that it needs to be cut/blazed. Good project for Friends group this fall. Remove sign posts for side trails. Kiosk needs to be updated at Cedar Knoll trailhead, with new map. Parent will reach out to Anderson to coordinate.
- iii. Map/Kiosk updates: See above
- iv. Property maintenance issues: Report of garbage dumped at Kenyon Crossroad Parking lot. Baker will reach out to Town DPW to see if they could assist in clean up.

E. Old Business:

1. Grant summarized legal fees per Marvels request, ranges \$400-\$3,000 / year over the past 6 years.
2. Russell reached out to Lisa Cook Martin, Town Clerk, regarding correcting minutes and agenda on webpage.

F. New Business:

1. Grills trail race in October: Grant reported that Jeff Walker from Westerly Athletic Club provided proof of liability insurance for the Oct 29 trail race on both sides of the river. They will walk trail and let us know of any problems.

G. Public Forum / Trustees Forum: None

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 8:13 PM, Parent moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions. Grant seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Reconvene in Open Session at 8:36 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: 8:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baker, Secretary