

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

December 19, 2022

Crandall House

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

ABSENT: None

A. Call meeting to order at 7:06 by Windsor with 7 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: Minutes of November 28 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made. Johnson made a motion to approve the amended minutes and seal the executive minutes, seconded by Gibbons, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of Funds: Grant reported the following balances: Citizens \$15,586, Webster \$272,213.

D. Chair and Member Reports

1. Chair Report:

- i. January 23 meeting – Goal discussion, will work off goals from last year
- ii. Chariho Rotary Meeting 1/24/23: Windsor has been asked to speak at Jan 24 meeting, Grant spoke there 3 years ago.
- iii. Grant picked up mail notification as abutters for campground renewing licenses. No need to attend.

2. Funding and Grants:

- i. Wild and Scenic application for Brushy Brook Trail Plantings: Russell working on application, due Dec 29.
- ii. Beaver Flood Trail: Windsor received notification that we received grant, Windsor attended online training for E-permitting system. Anderson said new system should make it easier, attended zoom training as well.

3. Subcommittees:

- i. Advocacy: Johnson reported on the following projects currently before the Planning Board-
 1. Brushy Brook: PB meetings Moved to January 4, and 11, one is informational, one is possible vote (postponed from November). Nothing new.
 2. Skunk Hill Solar: Goat Rocks. Johnson attended hearing on 12/7, John Brown spoke. Next meeting in March.
 3. Bradford dam property, was informed of a preliminary application for subdivision has been submitted to the Planning Department. Johnson will inquire further.

4. Friends/HLT: Dec 2 work party took place at Pelloni property, Friends attended as well as Trustees, trail clearing was done for main trail. GPS mapping is planned in the spring for side trails, still not well marked.

5. Land Management and Stewardship

- i. Beaver Flood Trail update: No new update.
- ii. Grills Preserve: Grant contacted Ken Ayers at RI Dept of Agriculture, regarding our planned brush clearing / invasive removal project as they have easement on the property. Amanda Cugno, DEM Fish and Wildlife habitat looking at it. Will let Thompson/Tuthill know to hold off invasive removal until we get DEM sign off.

E. Old Business:

Windsor reported that Sunset Designs not interested in mowing contract, we will get quotes this spring.

F. New Business: Town Council liaison replacement: No new news.

G. Public Forum / Trustees Forum:

Johnson reported on Michael Cervieri interested in attending meetings, he lives on Locustville Pond.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. At 6:54 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. Parent seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Reconvene in Open Session at 7:03 PM

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

I. Adjourn: 7:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Baker, Secretary