

**HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

January 22, 2018

PRESENT: Marilyn Grant, Chair, Sarah Windsor, Vice-Chair, Cyndy Johnson, Mary Gibbons, Paul Wilcox, Trustees, Harvey Buford, Hopkinton Conservation Commission, Tom Thompson, Associate Trustee (arrived 8:05)

ABSENT: Carol Baker, Secretary, Ed Wood, Trustee

A. Call to order at 7:05 by Grant and 4 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of 1-8-18 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of funds: Grant reported following: Citizens Bank \$43,948, Websters no report.

D. Reports

Chair: Budget workshop with Town Council February 22 at 6:30pm, Thursday.

Solar update: Paperwork signed and executed, will be filed at Town

Hall at time of closing and first payment is expected the second quarter of year.

MOU for Manitou Hassannash Preserve: Papers signed, no further update.

Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust: Waiting for DEM approval for Bittersweet removal on Mechanic Street property. Chris working with Carol Murphy at DEM.

Land Management and Stewardship:

Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook trail: CJ Doyle in process of completing application for wetland permitting.

Grills Preserve: Invasives removal. Tom walked property and came up with preliminary plan on what to do which involves digging 4" down into soil, tear out root and cutting stumps 4" or greater in diameter and painting with herbicide, estimated size of project 170 yds x 30 yds. Tom contacting vendors (Sprigs and Twigs and Mike McNamara) to research pricing and will send out message when he is going to property. Goal is to get done in March prior to leaving out. DEM, Mary Talbot, needs to be kept in loop of progress. Marilyn will include in stewardship report.

Boundary signs: Chris Anderson will put order in for 300 boundary signs and 100 signs 'to observe rules posted at trailhead'.

Report from Hopkinton resident, Steve Kenyon that he observed dogs not leashed on Grills property and discussion ensued on whether to have additional signage and wordage on this. Harvey will check wordage. Cyndy will call resident.

Pelloni Preservi: Flagged for wetlands. Anthony Pelloni will be

clearing 2 house sites for daughters on property. Harvey would like to see if area for parking, even on widened shoulder. To complete trails on property, need sign and kiosk and to flag and GPS trails.

Funding and Grants:

DEM Small Trail Grant: Received reimbursement from DEM for parking grant.

Question of asking for DEM grant money for Pelloni Preserve, not resolved.

Goals Review (quarterly) January:

Goals reviewed, need to make sure everyone has same 10 goals, Marilyn will send out new list.

6 –Grant will contact Carol Trocki to ask for students assistance with completing management plans and baseline documentation

9 – contact Paul Singer, Cyndy will call Ed.

E. Old Business: N/A

F. New Business: Motion raised by Marilyn Grant, seconded by Sarah Windsor to award mowing/maintenance 2018 season to Coastal Landscape for \$2720, passed unanimously.

Annual Reorganization: Marilyn Grant accepted extending being Chair of HLT.

Sarah Windsor accepted extending being Vice-Chair of HLT.

Trustees request Carol Baker extending being Secretary of HLT

G. Public Forum: Harvey reported meeting with the Rittlings and

reports that they would like to host a HLT event. Their property is about 227 acres. Harvey will meet with them and Chris Anderson this weekend.

Harvey also expressing interest in possibility of Wind Turbines in Hopkinton. Will be presenting preliminary concept for draft ordinance to Hopkinton Town Council next Monday.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)] At 8:40 PM, Cyndy moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions. Mary seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 9:20 PM

I.Adjourn 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Mary Gibbons, Trustee