

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 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*

ABSENT: Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Ed Wood, *Trustee*

A. Call to order at 7:05 by Grant and 5 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of February 12, 2018 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved with corrections, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of funds: Grant reported following: Citizens Bank \$41,456, Websters no report.

D. Reports

Chair: Administrative Services Contract and Report received from Chris Anderson. She is working on website updates and on gathering and archiving news clippings. Discussion ensued on Performance Review and looking for a template including goals for next year.

Funding and Grants: Grant received open space grant letter for Weeden property which included 3 pages of guidelines and requirements.

Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust: Solstice Walk June 21, will be a Bat Walk at dusk with guide host from DEM. No location/time yet.

Land Management and Stewardship:

Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Book Trail: Buford reports CJ Doyle submitted plan last week for wetlands permitting and has asked for preliminary feedback from DEM. The most sensitive area is expected to be the fishing platforms. Question raised on who pays application fees. Buford will email Peter Jenson on changes. Ideas for volunteer work, placing boundary markers and removal of invasives. Buford requested help with kiosk design, question raised on whether a gate is needed and the placement of kiosks in 3 areas.

Grills Preserve invasives removal: Thompson is reaching out to Sprigs and Twigs on ideas for invasives removal at Grills Preserve. Grant and Johnson expressed interest in being on site during assessment. Request for bids will be written up after assessment.

Kenyon Crossroads foundation: Thompson reports big branches down along driftway and foundations pretty well cleared but do have stones missing, including important ones like hearth and doorstep. Thompson reports speaking with Rick Prescott and planning to walk property with Buford and Bob Miner on Wednesday. They will be talking about putting together

an informational kiosk with artistic picture to scale and seeing if able to locate old pictures donated by Carol Lundgren.

E. Old Business: N/A

F. New Business: Windsor reports she will be attending the Green Economy Bond Hearing Wednesday evening and will be speaking for 2 minutes on open space funding.

G. Public Forum: Buford reported on 138 acre property on Main Street in Ashaway which is ½ wetlands being looked at for a large solar installation. Discussion ensued, property is on Rte 3.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)] At 8:05 PM, Johnson moved that we go into executive session, pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 (a)(5), to discuss potential land acquisitions. Wilcox seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote. Unanimous vote to accept Thompson and Buford be present for Executive Session.

Return from Executive Session at 9:20 PM

I. Adjourn 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted

Mary Gibbons, Trustee