

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2018

PRESENT: Marilyn Grant, *Chair*, Sarah Windsor, *Vice-Chair*, Carol Baker, *Secretary*, Cyndy Johnson, Mary Gibbons, Ed Wood, *Trustees*, Harvey Buford, *Hopkinton Conservation Commission*

ABSENT: Paul Wilcox, *Trustee*.

A. Call to order at 7:03 by Grant with 6 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of previous meeting minutes: Minutes of April 23, 2018 Public and Executive minutes were reviewed and approved as well as placing Executive Minutes under seal, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of funds: Grant reported following balances: Webster \$181,639, Stewardship \$9,665 with no report for Citizens.

D. Reports

Chair: Open space grant requirements:

Grant and Anderson are working on pulling together paperwork to obtain grant funds from RIDEM for Weeden property.

Pelloni Preserve site visit: Grant reported that property stewards and abutters Matt Busby and Amy Mocarsky have posted no trespassing signs given to them by HLT. They report more ATV intrusion onto property. Planning on site visit Thursday, 5/24, Buford will coordinate with Busby and McCoskey. Buford reports that the kiosk for the trailhead is being assembled.

Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust: Grant shared following from an email from Anderson: Friends will be doing site prep work this Friday AM for the pavilion being delivered to Depot Square Park on June 5th. Please contact Anderson if you are available to help. Work will include site clearing, laying down of landscape fabric and raking of stones will be accomplished. Additional dates to remember: Solstice Walk – Bat Program June 21st and Cocktail Party – Rittlings June 23rd – details soon and Music in the Valley – 2nd Saturday of each of July, August & September.

Land Management and Stewardship:

Expansion of Depot Square/Brushy Brook trail: Joe Klinger from EcoTones and Carol Trochi working on revising DEM wetland application.

Grills Preserve Invasives removal: Work progresses by Sunset Design.

Grills WS tree work, building demolition, wood chip encroachment: Thompson has communicated that Silver Leaf Forestry will be doing tree work soon on trimming white pines overhanging Sullivan driveway. Thompson contacted David Benn requesting shed removal around June 1. A certified letter has been sent to Fosters for them to cease and desist spreading of wood chips on our property and to schedule a meeting with them on site to develop a plan for removing said chips. Concern still exists regarding access of Marsh's onto Land Trust fields for haying.

Funding and Grants: No report.

E. Old Business: None

F. New Business: Approve shed purpose

CJ Doyle said 10x10 shed best for Depot Square due to plan for parking lot. Will store HLT equipment, brush hog etc... Grant and Anderson have been researching several companies and provided examples. Windsor made motion, seconded by Gibbons to authorize up to \$5000 for purchase of sheds, specific model to be determined by Grant and Anderson. Passed unanimously.

G. Public Forum: Buford shared that on June 10, New England Antiquities Research Association and Hopkinton Historical Association will be hosting a summer celebration at the Manitou Hassannash Preserve from 9:30 AM to 5 PM with parking at Canonchet Farm Stables on Canonchet Road. Theme is to Celebrate the Ceremonial Stone Landscape with special guest, Dowser David Johnson, who has conducted research on the correlation between concentrated flows within the groundwater and ancestral native American archaeological sites.

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)] At 8:12 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. Wood seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Return from Executive Session at 8:34 PM

I. Adjourn 8:34 PM

Respectfully submitted

Carol Baker, Secretary