

HOPKINTON LAND TRUST
TRUSTEES PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 2023
Crandall House

PRESENT: Sarah Windsor Chair, Marilyn Grant, Alana Russell, Cyndy Johnson and Mary Gibbons Trustees. Michael Cercieri, Tom Thompson, Associate Members. Scott Bill Hirst, Town Council liaison.

ABSENT: Jason Parent, Vice Chair, Carol Baker, Secretary

A. Call meeting to order at 7:06 by Windsor with 5 trustees, and therefore a quorum, present.

B. Approval of Previous meeting minutes: Minutes of June 26 Public minutes were reviewed, minor corrections were made. Johnson made a motion to approve the amended minutes and seconded by Grant, passed unanimously.

C. Accounting of Funds: Grant reported the following balances as of June 30: Citizens \$7,770, Webster \$58,900.

D. Chair and Member Reports

1. Chair Report:

HLT phone - not in service, was google phone. Windsor will talk with Chris Anderson about it, for now, just use email for communication, Grant will check for email

Hopkinton resident contacted both Chair Windsor and RI DEM concerning a large fly bloom in the area of Grills Preserve. This was likely due to late finalization of the lease agreement resulting in late application of fertilizer. Grant spoke with Kimberly Lavoie of DEM who assured us that all proper management practices have been followed by the farmer but perhaps letting him know of the complaint would be helpful. Whompson has spoken with Barry James, current lease holder.

Town website has been updated

2. Funding and Grants:

Beaver Flood Trail: Grant reported sending information to 2 more, possibly 3, who design trails. Anderson will also resend to Sunset Design.

3. Subcommittees:

Advocacy: Last Planning Board meeting was for residents to report concerns and for members to listen regarding Brushy Brook development. Planning board members also brought up their concerns - no sidewalks, homeowners assn, ? need for 2 wells in case 1 doesn't work. No decisions reached.

Next meetings: August 2 - Atlantic Solar

August 19 - Skunk Hill Solar

4. Friends/HLT: Pelloni – High Cliff Trail needs to be blazed

Chris Anderson reports needing core members to assist in Friends' work. Russell expressed interest.

5. Land Management and Stewardship

Depot Square Spur Trail: Johnson reported DJ worked to direct drainage towards culvert, then after heavy rains, the drainage tore up some of the lower trail. Upper trail fixed, looking for rocks. Will contact DJ re above.

Paddle boat appears to have been left near platform. Suggestion to put note on boat, 'please remove by unspecified date'.

Kenyon Crossroads fence repair: Thompson spoke with Tuthill, HLT provided the posts for the fence, there are 30 posts, 10 need to be replaced.

Sunset Designs Crown Farm/Knotweed Removal: Done

E. Old Business:

Progress on Hopkinton Outdoors/ town website:

Michael stated will be following up with Chris Anderson. Waiting to hear from Jeff Frenette, town IR, re: QR code.

F. New Business: None

G. Public Forum / Trustees Forum:

Hirst leaves at 7:58PM

H. Executive Session [pursuant to RI Gen. Law Ch.46 42-46-5a (5)]. None

I. Adjourn: 8:01 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Gibbons, Trustee