



Hopkinton Area Land Trust, Inc.

2019 Annual Meeting of Members

September 25, 2019

Call to Order 7:00 PM

**Hopkinton Cable TV Studio, 77 Main St.
Hopkinton, MA**

Agenda

- Short Introduction and around the room
- About the Trust
- Financial Reports of the prior fiscal year
- Election/Re-election of three Directors
- Trust accomplishments
- 2019 – 2020 Goals
- Q & A
- Adjournment





About the Land Trust

Charter: Assist in acquiring and maintaining Hopkinton's open space and conservation land

- Standalone corporation, not a part of town government, formed by town residents
- A Federal 501 c (3) non-profit corporation and MA Chapter 180 non-profit since 1995
- Managed by volunteer board and officers from residents of town assisted with membership volunteers
- Budget is funded through membership dues and donations

The Trust's Mission Statement

Preserve, protect, conserve, and enhance the natural resources both within and around the town of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, including open spaces, water resources, marshlands, swamps, woodlands, underground water supplies, land use of historical significance and wildlife habitat, in order to maintain and improve the quality of life in the Town of Hopkinton for present and future generations.

Educate the public in the areas of conservation, ecology, forestry practices, wildlife preservation and land use planning in order to protect open space, plant and animal life.

Encourage and facilitate the use of land conservation, recreation and wildlife preservation by cooperating with the town of Hopkinton, its elected officials and committees, Hopkinton landowners and other individuals and organizations having similar purposes.



HOPKINTON AREA LAND TRUST, INC.
SUMMARY OF STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

in \$'s

	FY 19 ending 3/31/19	FY 18 ending 3/31/18
REVENUES:		
Contributions	\$ 11,200	\$ 9,535
Interest income	1,008	379
TOTAL REVENUES	12,208	9,914
EXPENSES:		
Land Protection/stewardship	8,983	3,707
Fund raising	1,073	2,056
Administration	2,203	2,548
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,259	8,311
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(51)	1,603
NET ASSETS, BEGIN OF YR	109,245	107,642
NET ASSETS, END OF YR	\$ 109,194	\$ 109,245

Next: Annual Meeting Business
Election of Board of Director Seats

Hopkinton Area Land Trust

Nominee Slate - Annual Election of Board of Directors

Current Board Members <u>For Re-election 2019</u>	Terms of Office	
	From	To
Steve Frohbieter	9/18/2016	Sept 2019 Annual Meeting
Jeffrey Furber	9/18/2016	Sept 2019 Annual Meeting
Steve Levandosky	9/17/2017	Sept 2019 Annual Meeting
Barry Rosenbloom	9/17/2017	Sept 2020 Annual Meeting
Edwin G. Brohm	9/17/2017	Sept 2020 Annual meeting
Charles H. Dauchy	4/17/2019	Sept 2020 Annual meeting
Morrie Gasser	9/16/2018	Sept 2021 Annual Meeting
Mavis O'Leary	9/16/2018	Sept 2021 Annual Meeting
Kenneth Parker	9/16/2018	Sept 2021 Annual Meeting

What We've Accomplished in 24 Years

- 1,000 acres of open space owned or under conservation restriction (or in process)
- Miles of trails that are actively used by the community
- Applied for seventeen and won sixteen grants for trail development, trail signage and trail repairs
- Geocaching Program on trails and properties
- Increased Trust awareness through newsletters, articles, events and a new improved web site

2018 / 2019 Accomplishments

- 22 School Street property Eagle Scout project Trail developed after extensive cleanup of property – Ora Cheney Conservation Area
- Pelouquin open space transfer, 16.67 acres June 2018
- Increase of 2 Geo-caches on trails & properties.
- Center Trail Grant for Benches
- Cameron 3 Bridges Grant - 1 Bridge Completed
- Wyckoff/Echo Trail Grant (2018 Annual Town Meeting -ATM)
- East Main Street Grant (2018 ATM)
- Terry/High School/Center Trail Addendum Grant (2018 ATM)

Eagle Scout Development of Newest Property Ora Cheney Conservation Area

- Ora Cheney estate Trustees transferred ownership 8.4acre homesite at 22 School St. to the Trust
- An Eagle Scout candidate project completed by Scout Aditya Kaushik
- Cleanup of the landsite and development of a trail was needed
- Cleared the site of debris
- Constructed and Installed 2 Benches
- Cleared and created a walking trail of .3 of a mile round trip through difficult overgrowth

Ora Cheney Conservation Area



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Ora Cheney Conservation Area Official Trail Naming Ceremony

In recognition of Dave Goldman's tireless and dedicated efforts spanning from the Land Trust's inception and for over 24 years. He spearheaded the trust's activities and achieved the acquisition of over 1,000 acres under conservation, both owned and conservation restriction properties.

Dave Goldman is a founding Trust Director and has been its governing president. Dave's commitment and efforts earn him a place on Hopkinton Land.

Join me in honoring Dave Goldman with dedicating the trail on this property in his name. The Trail is to be known as the:

“Dave Goldman Trail”





New Website

<https://hopkintonlandtrust.org>

- New software technology platform
- Improved mapping with linked google directions
- Updated property description
- Self maintainable – easy for updating
- Ecommerce membership payment function



Hopkinton Area Conservation News



New Trail Development by Eagle Scouts

Two new trails are being developed that we hope will be open by early summer. The 22 School Street property that the Trust acquired last year is being cleaned up

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May 29, 2019



New Acquisitions bring total Acreage to 1,100

Within the last year, the Trust acquired the 16-acre Ploquin Estates parcel on Front St., surrounding the development on Cobblers Way. This land abuts Legacy Farms open space and contains

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May 21, 2019



April 2019

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December 2018

In this issue: Letter to Hopkinton Community PART III: New Series for the Newsletter Ceremonial Stones in the Landscape Human Benefits of Protecting Nature

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September 2018

In this issue: A Word from the Vice-President – Barry Rosenbloom HALT Around Town and Annual Meeting HALT Scholarship Winner Saddle Hill Trails Hopkinton Reservoir Human Benefits of Protecting Nature

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April 2018

In this issue: A Word from the President – David Goldman Whitehall Woods Map Lake Maspenock PART II: New Series for the Newsletter Birds Keeping Warm

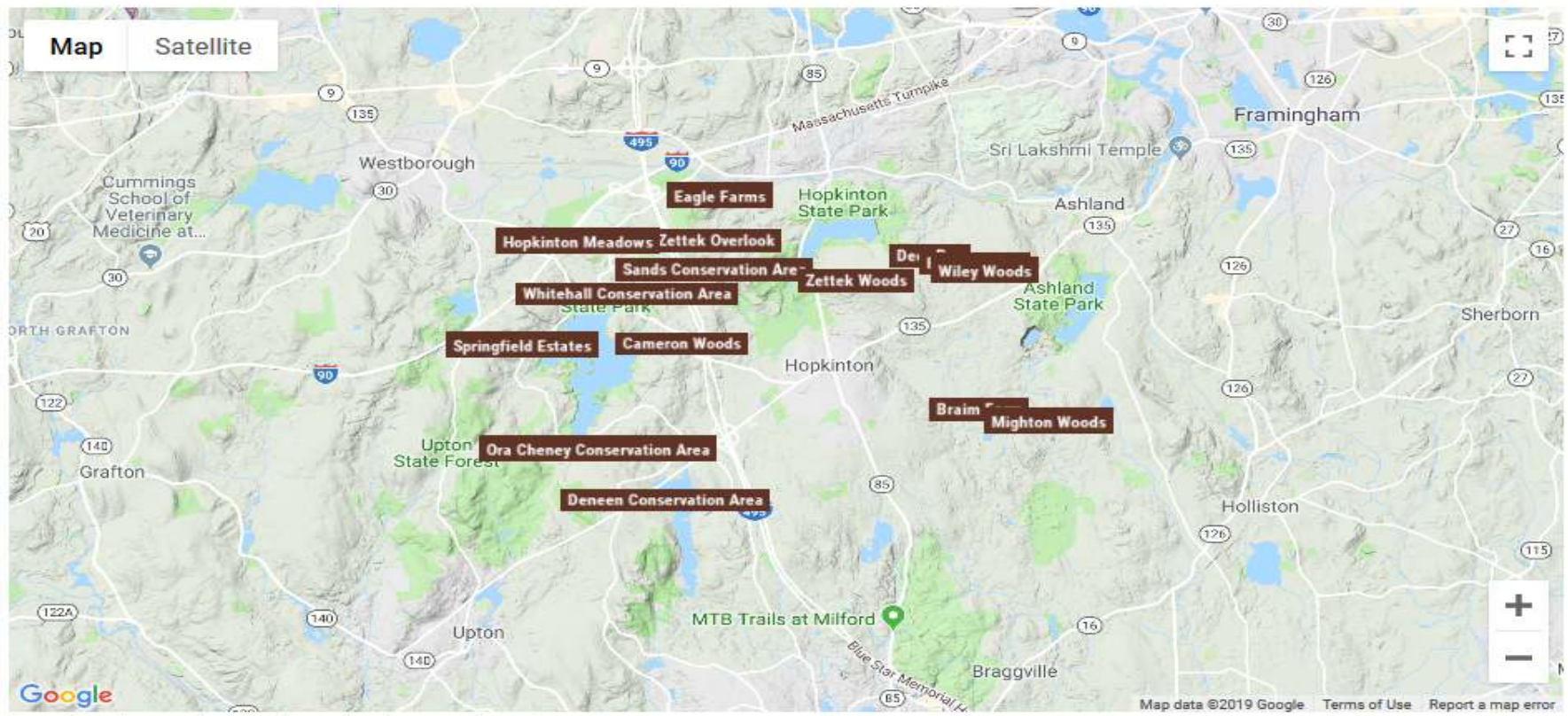
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Properties

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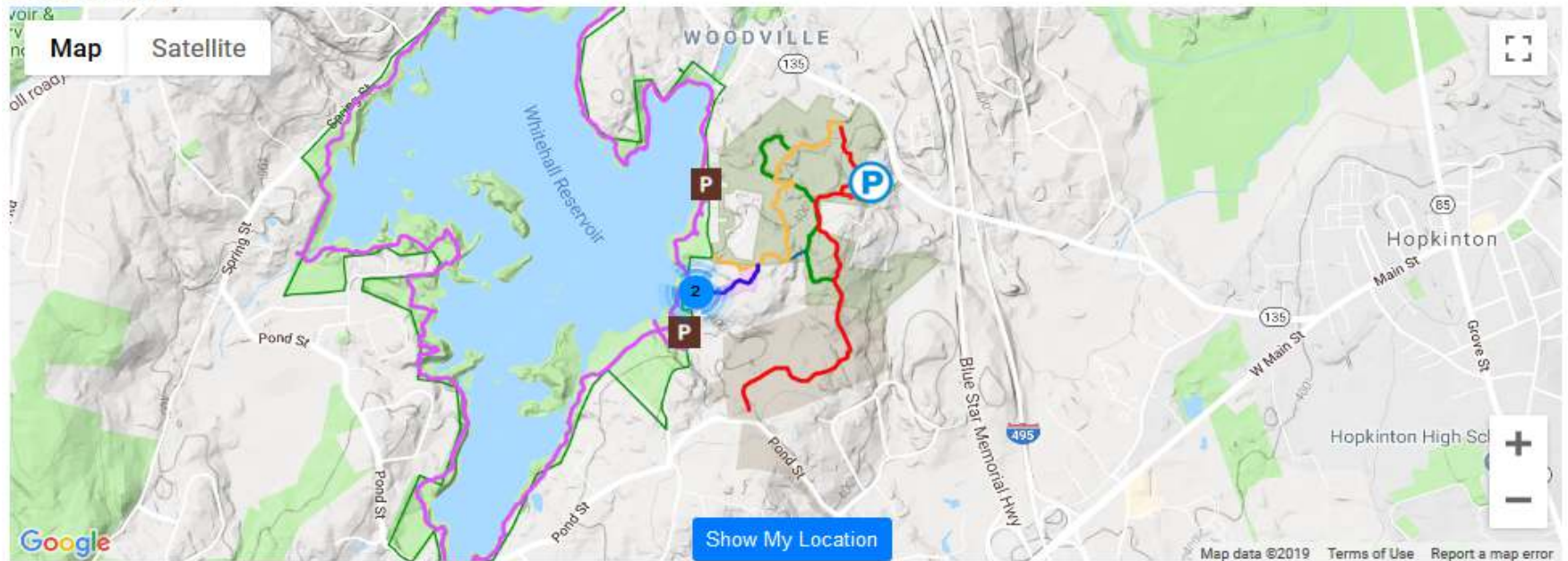
All Activities ▾



Zoom in on the map to separate overlapping property markers

Cameron Woods

Location



Show My Location requires a device, browser and security settings that support and allow location services. You may have to reload the map before updating your location.

Reload Map

Map Legend

- Green Trail
- Red Trail
- Phipps Woods Trail
- Whitehall State Park Loop Trail
- Yellow Trail
- Cameron Woods
- Phipps Woods
- Whitehall State Park Boundary
- Hopkinton Town Forest
- Cameron Woods Parking and Whisper Way Trailhead
- Sylvan Way and Phipps Woods Trailheads
- Whitehall Trail Access and Parking



What we do as volunteers

- Maintain property- clear trails, arrange for tree removal, provide for accessible trails, construct bridges
- Develop trails on our land and coordinate Eagle Scout projects for trail cutting, bench construction and install, bridge construction
- Work on acquisition of Conservation Land
- Protect the integrity of the borders with abutters through education and monitoring
- Acquire property signage to provide public access
- Prepare property report – Baseline of land as it is acquired to measure any encroachment
- Manage stewardship program to ensure land is clear of any infringement to maintain in original state
- Promote membership acquisition and land usage in our community through newsletter and event outreach



Volunteers & Land Stewards

- Land work maintaining trails
- Assisting as a property Steward
- Share your knowledge with Nature as an event presenter
- Advocate for the Trust helping us spread the word:
 - Referrals to the website for info on properties available
- Please sign up with us as a land Steward or a volunteer to help with skills you would like to share.

Land Steward Responsibilities

- Assigned to a Trust's Property to monitor
- Annual walk of the property's boundaries to observe for; encroachments of debris or construction, bench and bridge conditions, any safety threats such as Hunt Stand.
 - Complete a brief monitoring report of all observations of the condition of boundaries.
- Walking trail is monitored more frequently –at a minimum of twice annually to observe if trail is:
 - Safe, clean, clear of obstacles, downed trees.



2019-2020 Goals

- Search Committee to find:
 - A replacement President for David Goldman Goal Met
- Continue to increase membership in-process
- Continue to increase awareness in-process
 - Hold events
- Form committees (membership) Pending
- Formalize the Stewardship Program in-process
- Search for member volunteers for stewards in-process
- Update/replace Stewardship Donation Policy Goal Met
- Update the Corporate By-Laws Goal Met
- New Geocaches (2) Goal Met



Hopkinton CPC Grants

- **2017 CPC Funding for Benches on Center Trail** **\$5,500**
 - **2017 CPC Funding for 3 Bridges on Cameron Woods** **\$4,000**
 - \$4,000 CPC Funding for materials to build the bridges; and
 - Plus 200 + volunteer hours of labor
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2019 CPC Grants

- FY2019 CPC Funding for Wyckoff Conservation Restriction, survey of the property and stewardship donation 5.289 Acres** **\$6,200**
- **FY2019 CPC Funding for East Main Street, Methodist Church Property Conservation Restriction, survey of the property and stewardship donation 6.629 Acres** **\$4,650**
 - **FY2019 CPC Funding for Terry/HS Addendum to the original Conservation Restriction, survey of the property and stewardship donation. $68.36^* + 1.7.4.0 = 74.17$ Acres** **\$8,665**
 - *Original CR Acreage
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2020 CPC Funding Cycle (Proposals placed on hold)

- FY2019 CPC Funding for the Hughes & Environs (Conservation Restriction, survey of the property, Legal and donation) 80+ Acres Estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000**
- **Funding for Trailhead Signs: Pelouquin, Echo Trail. East Main Street.**



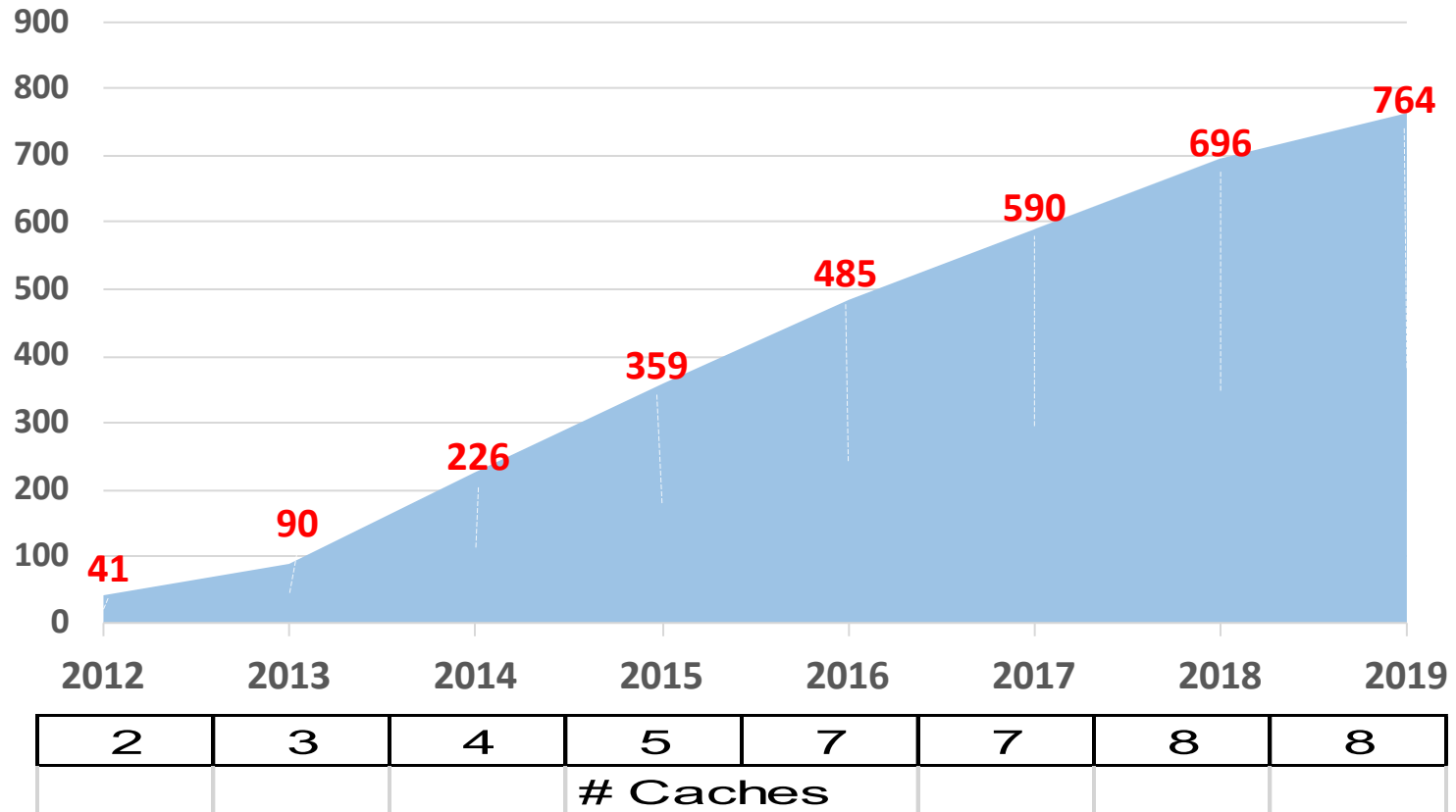
GeoCache Program

- What is Geocaching
 - Geocaching is an activity to find “Treasures”, in hidden containers using a GPS.
 - Cache contains a log, and other “trinkets” that the finder can swap and leave a different one behind. Finder signs the log and reports the find on the internet.
- What the Trust Does and Why We Do It
 - The Trust sponsors the GeoCaches,
 - Registers the GeoCaches
 - Hides the GeoCaches
 - Introduces people to walk and enjoy the trails
- Where are sites
 - 10 Locations on Trust Trails (see the website for GPS location information)
 - 3 additional GeoCache sites are in the preparation/planning stage
- Visits



GeoCache Use

Cumulative visits



Picture of Typical GeoCache Container



Q&A

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Support Your Town Land Trust

We hope to see you on the trails

Support your town Land Trust's operating expenses through your Membership support and spreading the word for others to do the same

Thank You for attending today



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