

Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2018

In Attendance: David Stenmark (Vice Chair), Nancy Cordy (Secretary), George Monaghan, Eliot Gersten (phoned in)

Absent: Neal Coleman

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by Nancy C. at 6:13 pm

- **Minutes of the 11/8/17 LT Meeting**

Minutes were read. GM made a motion to accept the minutes, DS 2nded it, motion carried 3-0.

- **Walkway Project Update**

-DS has RFPs out to 6 local Surveyors. Two of them have responded that they are trying to set up meeting with Town Planner. Deadline for submitting bids is 2/8/18.

-DS made a Motion to make the Walkway Project a part of the LT Mission as an urgent public safety goal. GM seconded the Motion. After discussion, motion carried 3-0.

-Fundraising

*NC and DS met with Julia from the SKLT. She shared her wealth of knowledge about how to raise money, when to start, who to target, as well as how to manage the funds. A separate account needs to be set up strictly for Walkway Project.

*The LT Advisory Com. is planning an initial informal gathering of interested residents who would like to share ideas of ways to raise money for Walkway. The Advisory Com. will report back to LT.

- **Bonnet Shores Beach Club**

At their invitation, DS presented an overview of the Walkway Project to the Beach Club Board on 1/8/18. The Board and members from the audience asked questions and DS answered them.

- **NRCS (RI Land Trust) Wetlands Conservation Program**

George reviewed their materials and spoke with Joseph at NRCS who recommended the LT attend a public workshop to see if we qualify to receive Grant \$ for storm water mitigation and water improvements. DS mentioned that this might dovetail nicely with the RWU-CPC Program. George offered to attend the workshop and report back to the LT.

- **LT Website (Brad Sellon)**

Brad reported the 3 year contract with the web host, Bluehost, is expiring. On behalf of the LT, he negotiated a new 3 year contract with Bluehost for \$186.74/year (down from \$246/yr). NC made a motion to accept the 3 year contract for \$560.22. DS 2nded it, motion carried 3-0. Brad will submit Invoice for payment. The LT wishes to thank Brad for his continued volunteer efforts to maintain the website. He has done an excellent job!

- **New Business**

1. LT Nominees: 3 positions will be open in 2018. Nancy and David are at the end of their 3 year term and cannot seek re-election. George was filling Anita Langer's position for one year and can run again for a three year term. Members of the LT are asked to think about people in the community who may be interested in seeking the position. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

2. **Future meeting dates (subject to change):** 2/13/18 and 3/7/18 at 6 pm at the Community Center.

- **Public Comment**

None

Nancy C. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m., George seconded it, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cordy