

Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2018

In Attendance: David Stenmark (Vice Chair), Nancy Cordy (Secretary), Neal Colman, George Monaghan

Absent: Eliot Gersten (Chair)

AGENDA ITEMS

- **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by DS at 7:04 pm

- **Approval of the January and February LT Meetings**

DS made a motion and GM 2nd it to approve the 1/10/18 Meeting Minutes (vote in favor 4-0).

Not enough members present who were in attendance at the 2/10/18 meeting to ratify the

Minutes. It will be done at the April meeting.

- **NRCS Wetlands Conservation Program Workshop (GM)**

George reported that NRCS has curtailed its activities with Municipalities/Land Trusts at this time and deals more with the private sector.

- **Land Trust Budget for 2018-2019**

Discussion was tabled until the March meeting

- **Walkway Project Update**

1. Surveyor Bids: 4-0 vote to go with the lowest bid, K. Andrews. His name will be submitted to FD Council for approval.
2. 4-0 vote to request from FD Council (at next Council Mtng) to spend the LT money currently in our account for Survey (\$4000.00) and Abutters Notices (\$3000.00).
3. George has asked GZA GeoEnvironmental to look at Project and submit Proposal on Geotechnical services.
4. Fundraising: LT Board reviewed and discussed the proposal from Dan Barry and is still under consideration; the Champlin Grant application (due April 30), Nancy and DS are working on it.
5. LT Advisory Committee: They are forming a Core Group of interested residents whose primary focus is funding options for Walkway Project, next meeting is 3/13 at 7:00pm.
6. Discussion of "Irrevocable Resolution" (re:BSBC sewer project) proposed by Paul Haas at last meeting. It was decided to seek Eliot's opinion and discuss at next meeting.
7. DS and Nancy met with:

*Senator Jim Langevin and staff to pitch Walkway Project. They were very supportive of the plan and will keep in touch re: Federal Grants, there are none at this time.

*Rep. Carol McEntee who had a few concerns from Constituents that we were able to clarify. She is supportive of project and gave us info on two organizations to contact for funding possibilities.

*Julia Landstreet (Exec. Director of SKLT) who provided a great deal of valuable information on fundraising ideas.

- **New Business**

Nancy will ask the By-Laws Committee to look into the revision of the LT Charter that states there is a one term limit for the Trustees.

- **Future meeting dates (subject to change)**

4/11/18 at 7pm at the Community Center.

- **Public Comment**

Paul Haas asked for an update with the Audubon Society regarding their divestment of Bonnet properties. DS reported he is waiting to hear back from them with the AS Board's decision.

Paul Haas suggested the Land Trust engage Lisa DeBello, FD Gen. Mgr., to assist with Grant Writing since she has a lot of experience with that.

- **Adjournment**

-DS made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:57p.m., GM seconded it, motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Cordy