

Minutes

December 11, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Bonnet Shores Land Trust

Meeting was call to order at 6:30 by Len Mercier, Chair.

Those in attendance were Neal Coleman, George Monaghan, Marlene Bellini and Len Mercier. There were a few guests from the community in attendance.

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed and approved with all in favor. Moved by Neal, seconded by George.

Old Business:

Audubon Society Land Acquisition update:

Lenny reported that he had met with Attorney Martha Day to review the Conservation Easement, prepared by the Audubon. Understanding that the easement was a template Lenny asked Attorney Day to review the document and make recommendations based on questions listed from the Land Trust. The recommendations were complete and passed out to Land Trust members for review. The document was reviewed and it was decided to remove the reference of the walkway from the document as if the walkway is ever built it would not be on any of the present Audubon property. Also any reference to the sewer project should be removed. Following this meeting Lenny will contact Lawrence Taft, Executive Director for the Audubon and present the recommendations for the Audubon's consideration.

There was discussion about why the Audubon wants to transfer the properties to the Land Trust and why we should take it, partly because of liability. Better for the our Land Trust own the property than another Land Trust, etc.

George will go with Lenny to meet with Mr. Taft if an in person meeting is held.

Roger Williams University update:

Marlene met with two students; one being a Senior and one a Sophomore. They presented to her some recommendations, one to make Camden Road a one way with a walking and biking path, walking path on Coronel John Gardner, a rack for the paddle boards, etc at Camden dock and at Little Beach. Pretty impressive design, but very expensive and would be difficult to get done. Marlene gave them some feedback and they will continue their design work and she will

meet with them again. Once they are complete they would like to make a presentation to the Bonnet Community on a Saturday.

Continued work on LT 2018-2019:

It was discussed that we need to work on a mailing, or some way to encourage people to contribute land to the Bonnet Shores Land Trust. As part of this process we need to update the brochure for distribution. Lenny and Neal will work on this. Marlene asked about where we were relative to our tax exemption. We are reporting as part of the District and as a municipality we do not need to be a 501c3. Lenny had discussed this with Natalie MacDonald and also brought this up with Attorney Martha Day and she said that we should not have been a 501c3 and it is best that we received the notification that it was withdrawn. This issue is no longer a concern.

Public Comment - Dredge question:

It was asked, what was going on with the Dredge of the Pond? Lenny asked Chris Mannix if he could respond on the question. Sand will be placed onto Kelly Beach area. It is hoped to have the project start by the end of January. This is not a Land Trust project as the Council has a committee set up specifically to work on this project.

New Business

Next meeting of the Land Trust will be Tuesday, January 29th, 2019, 6:30 PM, at the Community Center.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM Moved by George, seconded by Neal.

Respectfully submitted:

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp