Bonnet Shores Land Trust Meeting Minutes March 27, 2019

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by Len Mercier at 6:30 pm, at the Community Center.

Those in attendance included Neal Coleman, George Monaghan and Chair Len Mercier.

Approval of Minutes: George moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Neal, all in favor.

Old Business:

Report on Audubon Land Transfer Update

Lenny reported that he has spoken with Larry Taft, Director of the Audubon, relative to checking in on where we are with the Conservation Easement and the transfer of property. Mr. Taft apologized that he had dropped the ball over the winter and that he would get our recommendations to the Audubon's attorney for review. Lenny requested a meeting for George and I to meet with him to first, get to actually meet with him face to face and second to discuss any questions we might have for each other. He said he would welcome a meeting after April 15th. We will follow up with this and hope to have a better report for the April meeting.

Brochure for Land Trust

Land Trustees spent some time comparing the map on the Community Center wall with the one that is planned to be used in the brochure. Work will be done to incorporate properties into the brochure map to assure that it is up to date. Once brochure is complete it will be distributed in either the Bonnet Newsletter or it will be e-blasted to Bonnet residents.

New Business

Roger Williams University Student Presentation

It was reported that the Students were prepared to give a presentation on their recommendations for walking/biking and nature trails within Bonnet. The date has been set for Saturday, April 27th, 10:00 AM, at the Community Center. Bonnet residents are encouraged to attend and openly ask questions and listen to the student's presentation. Roger Williams students worked on this as a course project.

Schedule next meeting

The next meeting of the Land Trust will be Wednesday, April 24th, 2019, 6:30 PM, Community Center.

Other Business

Request to Acquire Land

Two residents from 54 Gardenia Lane asked if the Land Trust or District would ever be interested in selling abutting land to them. There was much discussion about how the Land Trust is not selling land but is trying to acquire donations of land for green space. There was a healthy discussion about the mission of the Land Trust and how it works.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp