

Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2018

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by Neal Coleman at 6:00 pm, at the Community Center.

Those in attendance included Neal Coleman, George Monaghan, Marlene Bellini, Len Mercier and Anita Langer as Council Liaison.

Since this was the first meeting of the 2018-2019 Land Trust each member introduced themselves, giving a brief history and why they were involved with the Land Trust.

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Cordy moved that the minutes of the June 23rd meeting be approved as presented, seconded by Neal Coleman, Dave Stenmark and Nancy still voted to approve as they were present and participating at the June meeting. All were in favor 4-0.

Vacant Position/Chairman Appointment: There was much discussion about recommending the appointment of a member to fill the vacant position. Neal recommended Terry Duffy and Lenny recommended Carol O'Donnell. Marlene seconded Carol O'Donnell and George thought they both have expertise and he would be happy with either being appointed. In conclusion of the discussion it was decided to move both names to the Council and let them make the final decision.

Special Meeting Discussions: Land Trust Members discussed the Special Meeting and any outcomes from that meeting. Marlene and Lenny felt that it was decided at that meeting, by the Council to move the Walkway Project to the Council's Safety and Roads Committee. Anita Langer reported that a vote did not carry on that motion. This will be straightened out at the July Council's meeting.

Elevated Walkway Project Disposition:

RFP for Engineering Services: George reported that two bids have been received, \$91,120 from GzaGeoEnvironmental and \$89,075 from Caputo and Wick. There were three that did not choose to bid on the engineering services; Gieser Engineering, Carrigan Engineering and CDM Smith. There was a heated discussion about the walkway and the funding.

Old Business:

Update on RI Land Trust Application: No report.

Audubon Society Land Acquisition: Dave Stenmark reported that he would turn over the paperwork relative to the negotiations with the Audubon Society. They are anxious to transfer the property to the Land Trust. They are in the process of producing a quick claim deed, a maintenance agreement and an easement that we own the property but cannot sell it. Once these are produced they will turn them over for us to review and approve to move to the Council to discuss and decide yes or no on accepting the transfer.

New Business:

Next Meeting: Meeting is set for Tuesday, August 7th, 6:00 PM.

Public Comment

George Monaghan read a report from CRMC relative to the recommendation to have the sewer project and walkway being together.

Nancy Cordy – Champlain Grant is available every year. We have been deferred for now and we have till end of September to complete the application. Since the Annual Meeting she called them and made sure we were deferred. The gentlemen came to Bonnet and looked at the walkway. Nancy reported to the Champlain Grant committee that they should not consider us for this year and we may reapply next year.

Someone asked who initiated the thought to transfer their land to the Land Trust. David Stenmark reported that when he met with them about the dredge of the pond he asked them if they would consider giving the land to the Land Trust.

At the end of the meeting Lenny asked everyone to keep in mind that when the meeting is over and at the end of the day, we have to get along. We have to agree to disagree. We are all attending these meetings and volunteering our time because we all care about Bonnet and our community as a whole.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp

Approved at Land Trust Meeting, August 7th, 2018.