

Bonnet Shores Land Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
August 20, 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 George Monaghan, Neal Coleman, Salvatore Loporchio and Chair Len Mercier. Arthur Hardy attended the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the July 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed and approved, moved by Neal and seconded by George.

**Old Business:**

**Report on Audubon Land Transfer Update**

Lenny has spoken with Audubon Director Larry Taft about the transfer of the land. Mr. Taft will finalize the paperwork with their attorney and will get a date for a closing to Lenny. The BSFD Council approved the acquisition of the parcels of land at the July meeting. At this point we have to wait for the paperwork to be completed.

**Trustee opening for one year term**

Trustees discussed the open position and decided to recommend Arthur Hardy, to the Council, for appointment for the one year term filling the position vacated by Marlene Bellini. All were in favor. Moved by George, seconded by Neal.

**Brochure for Land Trust**

Discussion continued about the Land Trust brochure. We should include some information about the transfer of the land from the Audubon, George is working on the map. The reason for the information brochure is to encourage the donation of land to the Land Trust to maintain and protect green space in our community. This piece could be distributed thru the E-Blast system send a digital copy to each Bonnet land owner. A printed version can be distributed to those not included in the E-Blast system and given to new property owners. Trustees should put

things on paper that should be included and email them to Lenny. More time will be spent on this at the October meeting.

**New Business:**

No new business at this meeting.

**Other Business:**

**Permission for URI student**

Lenny was called and asked for permission for a URI student to place a small instrument in a tree, on Land Trust property behind the Community Center. Lenny thought the instrument was to collect information on birds and wildlife but later understood that the instrument was to check air quality. As a project they are placing these at other locations as well. After discussion the Land Trust approved the student's use of a location as long as they released the Land Trust from any liability from injury and responsibility for their equipment. Originally they called the Audubon and was told that while they had no problem with the use, they should contact us for permission since the land is being transferred. Lenny will request any information that they find from their project. All were in favor.

**Schedule next meeting:**

The next meeting of the Land Trust will be Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 6:30 PM, Community Center.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp