

Bonnet Shores Land Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
August 7, 2018

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

Those in attendance included Neal Coleman, George Monaghan, Marlene Bellini, Len Mercier to start the meeting. Carol O'Donnell arrived at 6:15 PM.

**Organization of Officers:** Len Mercier voted at Chairman, moved by George, seconded by Marlene all in favor. George Monaghan voted as Vice Chairman, moved by Len Mercier, seconded by Marlene all in favor. Later in meeting Carol O'Donnell was voted as Clerk, moved by Lenny, seconded by Marlene all in favor.

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

**Old Business:**

**Update on RI Land Trust Application:** George reported that he looked into the RI Land Trust listing and we are clearly listed in the Rhode Island Land Trust Group as a member. There are programs that are available. Marlene will keep track of activities and will keep us posted.

**Audubon Society Land Acquisition:** Neal presented an Audubon Conservation Easement Draft along with a letter to and from Attorney Martha Day. Dave Stenmark had asked Ms. Day to estimate the cost of reviewing the documents for legal liabilities and more. Attorney Day estimates the cost to be three to five hundred dollars. It was moved, seconded and all were in favor to request permission from the District Council to spend the funds needed to review the documents. Lenny will ask to have the request put on the agenda for the August Council Meeting.

**New Business**

**Website:** There was discussion about the website and it's management. It was decided to request the administrative log in information from past Land Trust member Brad Sellon, so that one of the current Land Trust members could manage it, as it is owned and paid for by the District. All were in favor.

**Land Trust Advisory Committee:** Since the Land Trust Advisory Committee worked mainly on the Walkway Project it was decided to

disband this committee at this time since the Walkway Project is now falling under the District's Road Committee. A committee may be reactivated if needed for future Land Trust projects.

**Walkway Project Applications:** Discussion tabled until after next Council meeting.

**Walking Trails / Roger Williams University:** At the Road's Committee Dave Stenmark reported that he did not want to discuss it with them as it was a Land Trust item and he was no longer connected with the Land Trust as reported by Marlene. Marlene will get in contact with Dave and get the information relative to a program from Roger Williams University being interested in mapping out trails and clearing them as a school project. Would probably not be able to do until the Audubon land was acquired, etc. and that more than likely would not be this fall.

### **Other Business**

**501c3 Application:** The Land Trust's 501c3 certification lapsed years ago and we need to look into reapplying for the certification. Lenny will check in with Natalie MacDonald about the process needed to reapply.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, September 5, 2018, 6:30 PM

### **Public Comments:**

**Arthur Hardy, Wolfe Road:** Concerned about the Land Trust getting involved with making walking trails and disrupting the natural growth on the properties. He would like to see the Land Trust protect the open space and work to acquire property and keep it unused. His property abuts the Audubon property.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp