

Bonnet Shores Land Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, August 31, 2020  
Zoom Meeting

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by Len Mercier at 6:30 pm via Zoom Internet Conferencing.

Those in attendance included Trustee's George Monaghan, Neal Colman, Salvatore Loporchio, Arthur Hardy and Chair Len Mercier. Community members attending included Anita Langer, Carol Fortin, Carolyn Dileo, Lloyd Albert, John Carvlho, Bill and others showing phone numbers only.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the February 2020 meeting were not available and will be forwarded to Trustees for ratification at the next meeting.

**Organizational Discussion:**

This year due to Covid there was no election so the Trustees continued for this year. Salvatore made a motion for Len Mercier to continue as Chair for this 2020 2021 year, seconded by Neal Coleman. All were in favor with Arthur listening but muted. Salvatore moved and Neal seconded to have George Monaghan continue as Vice Chair.

**Old Business:**

**Brochure for Land Trust**

George reported that he had been working on the map for the brochure and ran into some problems. Will continue to work on it and report at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**Walking Trail**

Bonnet resident John Carvlho had spoken with Lenny and Marlene Bellini about the possibility of designating and making walking trails through Bonnet Shores. Discussion continued about properties within Bonnet utilizing land acquired from the Audubon and other properties. Carol Fortin brought up that Marcel and Dr. Underhill had worked on this years ago and she is looking for this information. She remembered they were considering utilizing the Paper Roads. In the proposal long range plan from 2000 included information about walking and bike trails. Roger Williams University recently did a project, designing possible walking trails through Bonnet. They had looked at utilizing the Paper Roads but after looking at these decided that it would be quite difficult to do this. Their design included making a trail through Bonnet and turning some roads into one way roads allowing for a wide walking trail with rest areas. Marlene worked with the students and has the report. A committee was formed to continue working on a plan for a possible walking trail to propose to the Land Trust.

Neal Coleman, John Carvlho, George Monaghan and Len Mercier will work on this committee.

**Erosion of Pond Water's Edge by dock, off Camden.**

Lloyd Albert gave an overview of the issue at the dock area of the Pond, off Camden. Janice and Lenny met with Caitlyn from CRMC to look at the issue and asked about the possibility of doing some stone edge to prevent the water flowing to the pond from the street. Caitlyn said that she knows that CRMC would not permit the change of the water's edge with stone, etc., but would recommend plantings to contain the water. Following that meeting Janice took additional pictures showing the water flowing to the pond during a rainfall. Caitlyn said that the pictures show a better picture of what was happening and recommended to have a professional to study and recommend the plantings, etc. After discussion it was decided to collect as much information over the fall and winter months, showing what is happening with this area. Lloyd Albert, living next to the area, will take pictures during this season. George made a motion, seconded by Salvatore to continue collecting information for the next 6 to 8 months to better understand and work with CRMC to improve the erosion of this area.

**Property for Donation**

Lenny reported that he discussed a parcel of land N-R-888 which is owned by the estate of Murphy's father. Her dad died a few years ago and she had been paying the taxes since that time and would like to donate the property to the Land Trust. It was moved by Salvatore, seconded by Neal to have our attorney review with Mrs. Murphy and produce the paperwork for the transfer of this property.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020, 6:30 PM as a Zoom meeting.

**Public Comment:**

There were no public comments.

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

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp