

Bonnet Shores Land Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, May 24th, 2021  
Zoom Meeting

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by Len Mercier at 7:00 pm via Zoom Internet Conferencing.

Those in attendance included Trustee's George Monaghan, Neal Colman, Salvatore Loporchio, Arthur Hardy and Chair Len Mercier. Guests included John Carvalho, Joe Iannucci, MMichelsen, and Victor.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of the Minutes of the February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 were reviewed and it was moved by Arthur Hardy and seconded by Neal Colman, all were in favor, approval of minutes passed. Minutes of the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and tonight's minutes will be presented for approval at the next meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Walking Trail**

Lenny showed a video that Lisa DiBello produced with her drone, showing John Carvalho, Neal and Arthur entering the new trail and showing the three walking through the woods. Next the group looked at the overhead picture showing the trail progress and showing where the trail is ending up landing at the back of the athletics field. The group has completed marking the trail and decided that it would be too difficult to connect to the Spring Brook trail at this time. There was discussion about hiring the landscaper with the Brush-Hog to clear the trail. The Land Trust has to be careful not to make too many changes to the property as we have limitations from the Audubon for the property. There were questions about if he could actually get through the trail over the water obstacles. Presently there are three obstacles; two small brooks and one larger water section that is 12 feet across. These three places will need to have bridges built to allow for safe crossing. Neal is looking into a builder, hoping that if the builders name is put on the bridge, would he be willing to build it. Lenny commented that the Land Trust could pay for the lumber if someone would be able to build it. Neal will check with the landscaper to see what the actual cost per hour of work would be and ask if he can actually look at the trail to see if the equipment could do the work.

The group met one additional time and moved the beginning entrance for the trail approximately 25 feet to the right. The original opening was too close to a neighbor and this new opening will build a buffer from the neighbor. The group has been diligent in trying to stay away from homes in the community.

**Any Updates of properties in progress**

There are no updates on properties in progress.

## **New Business:**

### **Searching for Donations of Properties**

George Monaghan brought up that we need to seek additional properties for solicitation of donations. He recommended that we look to properties that are in the wetlands and properties that are unbuildable and contact them to encourage them to donate. Lenny said that he would be willing to work with George to identify properties and help to list contact information. Arthur also recommended that properties that are in the flood zone may be too expensive to build on.

We also will encourage people at the annual meeting to download the Land Trust Update, also helping to encourage contributing land.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be not be scheduled until after the Annual Meeting and elections, unless Neal contacts Lenny with information about the landscaper or bridge building. If needed a meeting will be called.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Len Mercier, Clerk Pro Temp