

Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 31, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by George Monaghan, Chair, at 7:02 PM.

Those in attendance included Trustee's Mary Flynn, Arthur Hardy, Salvatore Loporchio, Clerk Lenny Mercier, Chair George Monaghan and Council liaison Bill DelGizzo.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the November meeting were approved. Moved by Arthur and seconded by Mary. All were in favor.

Old Business:

Nature Trail Update

Mary brought up that she had a conversation with David Chenevert, who owns property next to the trail. David feels that the beginning part of the trail is actually on his property. He does not mind the trail being on his property but is requesting that the Land Trust accept the liability in the event that someone gets hurt on that portion of the trail. After discussion it was agreed that the Land Trust does not want to have the trail on any non Land Trust property and if it is the Trail Committee will reroute it to be on Land Trust property only. David Black has walked the trail with a GPS to map it. The GPS has a variable of 20 feet, which makes it difficult to be sure the trail is on LT land. Steve Danuszar has maps from when he had his property surveyed. He will meet with the Trails Committee to have a closer look at the section of the trail in question. If need be it will be redirected. Mary motioned to look further into this and make sure the trail is on LT land. Arthur seconded and all were in favor.

Land Acquisition Committee

Stephen Puerini was not at the meeting and there was no report.

Report on Mapping

Arthur reported that he had spent quite a bit of time at the town hall researching properties that were consolidated by the town during updating of the mapping. He has been making a list of land locked properties that he plans on sharing with Stephen Puerini for possible solicitations. This would help the Land Trust show the benefits of donating the properties.

Fundraising Discussion

Bill DelGizzo reported that he previously spoke with someone who would check with CRMC to see what would be allowed for improvements to the dock at Camden Landing..

Watershed Information

David Black shared a Watershed Map that he has acquired that shows the Pond Watershed and all its data. David is putting together a report on this which will be useful in applying for any grants and to better care for the pond. Neal asked if the Church was in the water shed and David said yes it was. This will also help with the State looking to help with the Pond. The state would like to see the pond open in the spring and fall for the Herring run.

New Business:

RI Land Trust Council

George reported that our Land Trust is all signed up as a member of the Rhode Island Land Trust Council. Any correspondence from them will be shared with Land Trustees so they can take part in any trainings or other information.

Hunting on Land Trust Properties

There was discussion about allowing hunting on Land Trust properties and a motion was made by Mary, seconded by Arthur to not allow hunting of any type on Land Trust Properties. All were in favor.

Public Comments:

Paula Childs asked who was in charge of the Pond, its maintenance, etc. CRMC is in charge of what can and cannot be done with respect of the pond. While the Land Trust owns the pond the monies needed to open the breachway and other maintenance come from the Council. Traditionally the Council has been in charge of calling for the opening of the breach way.

Next Meeting

Meetings will continue to be held on the last Monday of the month, 7:00 PM at the community center. Next meeting is scheduled for February 28th.

Adjournment: Mary moved and Sal seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 PM, all were in favor.

Len Mercier, Clerk