

Bonnet Shores Land Trust
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 25th, 7:00 PM
Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by George Monaghan, Chair, at 7:03 PM.

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

Approval of Minutes:

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

Old Business:

Nature Trail Update

Neal Colman reported that Lindsay, the Girl Scout, is building the signage for the beginning and end of the trail. She has solicited a donation of \$181.00 worth of materials from Arnold's Lumber. Neal has been reimbursed for the rest of the materials needed. John Carvalho and Neal will work on the last of the bridges when John returns in early May. We may have to have the landscaper clear a part of the trail. Want to have it ready for a grand opening in June.

Land Acquisition Committee

Stephen is in Florida and will work with Arthur when he returns. Arthur spent some time showing work that he has completed on the mapping and marking properties of the Land Trust and properties that are land locked that should be contacted for possible donation to the Land Trust. Many of the properties that are either land locked or underwater have actually changed hands over the past five years. There was discussion about tax sales, requesting Narragansett forgive past taxes so properties could be donated. Bill recommended that we should work on one section at a time. Stephen will meet with Narragansett when he returns to see what can be done to help with these donations.

Report on Mapping

Arthur reported on his work along with prepping for Land Acquisition.

Fundraising Discussion

Since no extension of the dock at Camden Landing due to the fact that the Pond is classified type 1 and we are allowed to just maintain the dock as it sits. Possibly we could add a canoe rack but that would have to be with permission of CRMC along with Lloyd Albert as he owns the properties on

both sides of the landing. We will not keep fundraising on the agenda for the future.

Watershed Information

Mary reported that the testing of the pond will begin next week. Cost is \$700 to monthly test 3 locations of the pond, one being the middle, one at 1A and the other at Lake Road inlet. The outlet to the breach way will also be tested for bacteria at a cost of \$148.00. This is in the District budget. David Black is finished with his report and Mary feels that his presentation should be at a separate meeting where the community is invited. Bill is going to get it on the agenda for the next Council meeting, hopefully allowing him to speak at the beginning of the meeting.

GPS GIS ESRI

We believe that David Black will have information on this. George has the proposal for the GPS mapping from a non-profit company. There are questions as to why the Land Trust would pay for this when we have the Narragansett GPS mapping. Will discuss at the next meeting.

Budget for 2022-2023

After discussion it was decided to prepare a budget that includes \$2,000 for Legal fees with property transfers, \$700 for website and printing, \$1,500 for trail maintenance, \$850.00 for pond testing, \$150 for RI Land Trust Dues and \$800.00 for new signage for Wesquage Pond as a Wild Life Refuge. Total of \$6,000.

New Business:

Abutter's use of Land Trust (Encroachments and Clearing)

There was discussion of some clearing/cleaning up of Land Trust property on Wolf Road. There was a resident that was questioning it. It was decided that we need to put together a policy on what can be done on Land Trust Properties, paper roads, etc. This will be continued at the next meeting.

Report of Liaison Discussions with BSFD Council

Bill reported that he would like the Land Trust to request that the Town inspect the retention ponds at each of the businesses on Boston Neck Road. Bill was asked to make a list of the actual properties he is recommending and that it would be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Public Comments:

Neal Colman reported that Paul Haas had passed away. Paul was active for many years with the community, especially the Land Trust. It was decided to send flowers to his wife, acknowledging that he will be missed.

Neal also reported that there is a public hearing tomorrow evening, 6:00 PM at the Town Hall for the Planning Department to review the churches plans to increase the parking spaces, adding 110 new spaces. A lot of trees will

have to be cleared for this project. He encouraged everyone to attend and voice their concerns for this. It will increase the water runoff into Bonnet.

Next Meeting

Meetings will be held on Monday, May 23rd, 7:00 PM at the community center.

Adjournment: Mary moved and Arthur seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM, all were in favor.

Len Mercier, Clerk