

**Bonnet Shores Land Trust**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**February 10, 2018**

**In Attendance:** Eliot Gersten (Chair), David Stenmark (Vice Chair), Nancy Cordy (Secretary)

**Absent:** Neal Coleman, George Monaghan

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- **Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order by EG at 11:07 am

- **Minutes of the 1/10/18 LT Meeting**

There were not enough members present who were in attendance at the 1/10/18 meeting to ratify the Minutes. It will be done at the March meeting.

- **Walkway Project Update**

-Surveyors Bids

\*DS received bids from 3/6 Surveyors. All bids were consistent with scope of work involved for a Class 3/4 Survey. Bids will be put on the LT website. LT Trustees will review all bids and vote at next LT meeting. LT will submit chosen bid to FD Council for approval and to request use of LT funds to pay for Survey and related fees.

-Fundraising

\*The LT Advisory Com. met informally with interested residents to begin discussions about fundraising. It was suggested that we seek a professional fundraiser. Dan Barry's name was mentioned. He is a professional fundraiser and resident of Bonnet.

DS had an informal meeting with Dan to give an overview of the Project. Dan felt it was viable and submitted a Proposal to the LT for his Professional Fundraising assistance. Because he is a long time resident of Bonnet, he graciously and significantly reduced the normal fee for service.

Eliot will call Dan with some follow up questions and invite him to meet with the LT to discuss the proposal in more depth.

- **NRCS (RI Land Trust) Wetlands Conservation Program**

George was unable to attend today's LT meeting but did submit an overview of the workshop he attended (see attached). George will report on the workshop at the March meeting.

- **New Business**

1. Letter to LT from BSBC dated 1/10/18 and Motion from Council:

LT acknowledged BSBC letter and Motion made by C. Mannix at last Council meeting. Eliot and Mike Vendetti are working together to draft a response letter to BSBC.

2. 2018-19 LT Budget

Information will be gathered as to what the Budget should be. Trustees will discuss this at the March meeting.

- **Future meeting dates (subject to change): 3/7/18 at 7pm at the Community Center.**

- **Public Comment**

-Matt Mannix and Pat Mannix voiced their concerns about the Walkway Project interfering with the Dredging of Wesquage Pond and the BSBC Sewer Project and those projects should take precedence. Matt reported that the Matching Funds for the dredging grant would be coming from In Kind funds from the BSBC Sewer/Causeway project. Members of the LT reiterated that the Walkway Project is totally separate from these other two projects and there is no need for it to be put on hold.

-Paul Haas proposed that the LT consider making an "Irrevocable Resolution" which would prohibit the sewer pipe from being put under the Walkway thus alleviating any concerns about the two projects being linked together.

Eliot suggested Paul's idea be given some thought and put on the March agenda for further discussion.

-Brad Sellon asked what Class the Survey needs to be? David said it is a combination of a Class 3 and 4.

- **Adjournment**

-Eliot made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m., David seconded it, motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Cordy