

Bonnet Shores Land Trust  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 28, 2022, 7:00 PM  
Meeting held via Zoom

The meeting of the Land Trust was called to order by George Monaghan, Chair, at 7:07 PM.

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Old Business:**

**Nature Trail Update**

Neal Colman reported that he had been contacted by Lindsay, a Girl Scout, who is planning on working on signage for the trail. She will be making the signage for the beginning of the trail and has secured free supplies from Arnold's Lumber to make the sign. She will build it at home, disassemble it and reassemble it at the trail.

**Land Acquisition Committee**

Stephen reported that he had spoken with Narragansett's Tax Collector's office and was told that they could not provide a list of properties that are by default of paying taxes, taken over by the town, or properties that are delinquent. They can however give information on properties if we provide them with Plot numbers, etc. He said that he will have to spend time at town hall to get this information. Bill recommended that he work with the Town Manager to see if he can help with this. The hope is to be able to notify these property owners about the option of donating them to the Land Trust. First would be to show the owners that the properties have little value since many are land locked, underwater, are within wetlands or impossible to get to. Stephen felt that the town might be willing to forgo the past taxes owed if the property is donated to the Land Trust. Lenny showed two properties that were recently advertised for sale that were just about worthless and have been periodically listed for sale over the years.

**Report on Mapping**

Arthur is away so there is no formal meeting on mapping. Bill reported that he understands that Anita Langer has located a paper trail showing that the roads in Bonnet are owned by Bonnet.

**Fundraising Discussion**

Bill DelGizzo reported that he had spoken with CRMC and DEM and was told that the pond is classified as a type 1 water way and that we cannot add any

docks, or improve on the dock in place. They will only allow for maintenance only. So for that reason we do not need fundraising at this time.

### **Watershed Information**

Mary reported that the testing of the pond will begin in April. Cost is \$700 to monthly test 3 locations of the pond, one being the middle. The outlet will also be tested for bacteria at a cost of \$185.00 Mary will ask for an invoice from URI for the \$885.00 to pass on the District Treasurer to pay. This is in the District budget. David Black is finishing up with his report and it should be ready in April.

### **RI Land Trust Council**

George reported that he has not received any new information, but will forward any information that he receives to the Land Trust Trustees.

### **New Business:**

#### **GIS/GPS Initiative Update**

We believe that David Black will have information on this. Nothing as been done on this. There is a proposal that has been submitted.

#### **Budget for 2022-2023**

Trustees will work on the budget at the April Meeting. Should include maintenance of the trail.

### **Public Comments:**

There was no public comments.

### **Next Meeting**

Meetings will be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the community center. Will be in person is zoom is no longer allowed.

**Adjournment:** Mary moved and Stephen seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM, all were in favor.

Len Mercier, Clerk