

BONNET SHORES LAND TRUST

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 18th, 5:00 PM
Bonnet Shores Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Road
Narragansett, RI 02882

IN ATTENDANCE: Terry, Arthur, Dave

ABSENT: Mary, Steve P.

CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 pm - Terry

1. NOTE: Public Comment at end of meeting agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from May 14th, 2024 meeting; *Arthur moved, Dave seconded*

New Business:

1. Review latest Grant application from RIDEM; discuss role of Land Trust - *No new information was available. However, after the meeting, it was learned an amount of \$75,000 was awarded to the FD as a matchable grant subject to terms announced*
2. Update on result of previous FEMA grant applied for – Mary – *offshore waters was mentioned, no new information learned*
3. Other Grant research avenues, *none discussed*

Ongoing Business:

1. Wesquage Pond Watershed Sampling Program & 2024 Testing Plan – *Arthur reported the second of 3 samplings completed. Wants to hand over job to the next LT electorate*
2. Update on t-shirt sales, kids camp parents and volunteer events – Dave – *Amount earned \$2,390*
3. Update of Town of Narragansett properties – John, Terry – *no action taken*
4. Potential uses for fundraising dollars raised – all
(Camera for Osprey Nest, Camden Landing, LT property signage) – *Lloyd is working on a plan for Camden Landing. Terry suggested producing signage for LT properties where we abut both private and open areas. He suggested a design be approved similar to the size of a no parking sign. Dave said he could come up with a design*
5. Update on tax exempt status -Dave – *Form 990 was submitted (annual)*
6. Rules & Regulations review by BSFD – Dave/Steve Danuszar - *tabled*
7. FY 2025 Budget - Steve Danuszar – *Need interaction with BSFD treasurer*
8. Send a mailing to taxpayers about ways to donate, *incomplete*
9. Include our mission statement or supporting message on all materials, *We have LT letterhead which can be used*
10. Community Center opportunities for enhancements to increase usage and income - Deborah Pannullo, Social Committee – *Proposed goal: To make the community Center a profit-making center to support community. Ideas include Trivia, Karaoke, Yoga classes, Flower Show, Wine tasting, etc. Small event fees can be charged for these activities which can fuel a budget to improve the facility. Ideas for improvement include new lighting, wall painting or coverings, exterior lighting, landscaping and signage. Actions needed include BSFD/LT approval of new activities and restrictions for same; insurance policy review and a schedule of uses and income expectations for approval*

11. Goal Setting for 2025 “What are your Top 3 LT Goals for 2025?” send your ideas to LT chair - tpbeaty@mac.com. *Review in September*
12. Public comment – *Joan F. noted that the bathrooms need regular cleaning and toilet replacement. A review of the community center cleaning program was suggested by Deb P.*
13. Adjournment – *Dave motioned to adjourn; seconded by Arthur*

Comments and concerns are welcomed from BSFD residents. The Chair asks that you state your name and address. Please limit your time to no more than three minutes. Please provide your comments in a tone that is respectful and refrain from language or tone that is rude or antagonistic. For any concerns raised that involve the duties of the Land Trust, please provide constructive solutions. We welcome any volunteer efforts that would help further the work of the Land Trust.

Next Meeting Date: ~~Thursday, August 15th or September 19th, 2024 @6:30 pm~~