

Bonnet Shores Land Trust Meeting Minutes 1/20/26 FINAL

Tuesday, January 20, 2026
Bonnet Shores Community Center

Present:

J. Fandetti (Chair), K. Sheridan, P. Brousseau, T. Beaty, K. Dolan

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Joan Fandetti at 5:03 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Announcements

- The call with The Foundation Group regarding the 501(c)(3) was held on January 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM. Representing the Bonnet Shore Fire District Council were Faith LaSalle, Anthony Girardi, and Jane Duran; representing the Bonnet Shores Land Trust were Joan Fandetti and Terry Beaty. Findings from the call will be presented at the February 2026 BSFD Council and Land Trust meetings.
- In September 2025 the Land Trust submitted a grant application to the Rhode Island Foundation requesting \$10,000 for playground improvements. The pool of applicants was competitive (127 applications were submitted and only 1 per community was awarded) and the Land Trust was not selected to receive funds.
- The Land Trust has raised \$925 from T-shirt sales and has received a \$100 memorial bench donation.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approval of December 16, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve: T. Beaty
 - Second: K. Dolan
 - Discussion
 - Ms. Fandetti proposed the following changes Under #6 Tax Status Discussion:
 - In 2017, the IRS revoked our 501(c)3 for failure to file 990 forms. An excerpt from the Land Trust meeting held on 12/11/2018 was read:
 - "Marlene asked about where we were relative to our tax exemption. We are reporting as part of the District and as a municipality we do not need to be a 501(c)3. Lenny had discussed with Natalie McDonald and also brought this up with Atty. Martha Day and she said that we should not have been a 501(c)3 and it's best that we received that notification that it was withdrawn. This issue is no longer a concern".
 - An APRA request from the Town of Narragansett was read into the meeting minutes further confirming proof that a 501(c) 3 was not needed for tax exemption reasons . A 501(c)3 will be useful in acquiring grants and used for LT property donation transactions.
 - Motion to approve minutes as amended: P. Brousseau

- Second: K. Dolan
- Vote: Passed Unanimously (5-0)

5. Motion to Discuss Acquiring Lot N-R873, Narragansett

- Motion to discuss: T. Beaty
 - Second: P. Brousseau
- Discussion
 - Ms. Brousseau asked if the due diligence discussed at the December 2026 meeting had been completed.
 - Mr. Beaty noted that the Land Trust must first decide if we want to acquire the property based on the due diligence.
- Motion to request funds from the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council to be used for due diligence related to the property in question: K. Dolan
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Vote: Passed Unanimously (5-0)

5. Motion to approve placing a photo of the Narragansett Animal Control Officer on the Land Trust website (alongside her statement)

- Motion to approve: T. Beaty
 - Second: K. Dolan
- Vote: Passed Unanimously (5-0)

5. Motion to approve placing the phragmite pamphlet produced by the URI graduate students on the Land Trust website

- Motion to approve: K. Sheridan
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Vote: Passed Unanimously (5-0)

9. Next Meeting

- Proposed date: Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM
 - Motion: K. Dolan
 - Second: J. Fandetti
 - Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0)

10. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: K. Dolan
 - Second: K. Sheridan
- Vote: Passed unanimously (5-0)

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly R. Sheridan

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