

Bonnet Shores Land Trust Meeting Minutes 4/21/26 FINAL

Tuesday, April 21, 2026
Bonnet Shores Community Center

Present:

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

Absent:

K. Dolan

1. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Joan Fandetti at 6:31 PM.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Announcements

- A Town Of Narragansett Building Permit is required for Camden Landing refresh to completely remove and replace all wood on the current Camden Landing. **No floatation devices nor ramps are allowed to be attached to Camden Landing.** No one in the BSFD Community is allowed to make changes to the dock. This will result in a CRMC violation.
- URI WaterShed Watch-BSFD Land Trust needs volunteers-URI Students Shannon, Eli, & Cassie are interested and will attend our LT Meeting. Final Training is April 25th at URI Oceanography.
- Memorial Bench Update
 - All New Bench Applicants in compliance. Most Grandfathered Bench holders are in compliance.
 - Francis DaSilva, Harold Jackson, Margaret Booth, Jack Carney are all Grandfathered Benches, however, no contact information is available! **If anyone has contact information , please email joan.fandetti@bonnetshores.org**
- Our next LT Meeting as voted on Thursday March 19th will be on Tuesday May 19th 6:30pm.

3. Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes per speaker)

- Faith LaSalle, 98 Colonel John Gardner Road: Ms. LaSalle noted she was asked to draft simple rules and regulations for the Land Trust and shared that the draft she provided was modeled after the Block Island and Richmond, RI land trusts but adapted based on our charter.
- Chris Mannix, 9 Aroostook Trail: Mr. Mannix thanked Chair Fandetti for working to create the osprey platform and for finding watershed testing volunteers. He also shared that a community member had told him how much they and their children enjoyed using the walking trail; Mr. Mannix thanked the Land Trust for their work in maintaining the trail.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Approval of March 19, 2206 Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: P. Breaussau
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Vote: Passed Unanimously (4-0)

5. Motion, discussion, and vote to move forward with work to upgrade the Community Center Playground, pending BSFD Council approval and not to exceed the quote of \$14,500

- Motion to discuss: T. Beaty
 - Second: P. Breausseau
- Discussion
 - J. Fandetti explained that we'll be replacing the base with beach sand and will be installing butterfly bushes in addition to the upgraded equipment.
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

6. Motion, discussion, and vote to approve BSFD Land Trust fundraising activities in order to off-set the cost of playground improvements

- Motion to discuss: T. Beaty
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Discussion
 - Chair Fandetti asked if there were any ideas for fundraising
 - K. Sheridan suggested we should solicit donations from community businesses or residents in larger amounts in return for sponsorship
 - D. Stephens, 146 Treasure Road, suggested creating a brick path and selling brick sponsorships. She also suggested a 30 day gift card raffle.
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

7. Motion, discussion, and vote to repurpose the green and white causeway signage board to craft small signs for various Land Trust properties

- Motion to discuss: P. Brousseau
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

8. Motion, discussion, and vote to approve language for small Land Trust signs

- Motion to discuss: T. Beaty
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Discussion
 - Signs will simply state "Property of Bonnet Shores Land Trust" and will be placed on Land Trust properties to discourage planting, trimming of plants, or dumping
 - K. Sheridan to draft reminder for landlords to provide tenants outlining ordinances
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

9. Motion, discussion, and vote to approve drainage easement request submitted by Town of Narragansett Department of Public Works subject to outcome of April 15, 2026 BSFD Council meeting decision

- Motion to discuss: K. Sheridan
 - Second: P. Brousseau

- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

10. Motion, discussion, and vote to revoke Memorial Bench privileges to all unfunded, unresponsive, and unknown bench owners by September 25, 2026

- Motion to discuss: P. Brousseau
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- Discussion
 - 4 of the 15 benches fall into this category
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

11. Motion, discussion, and vote to repurpose abandoned Memorial Benches for use on other Land Trust properties

- Motion to discuss: T. Beaty
 - Second: J. Fandetti
- These benches will have memorial plaques removed and will be repurposed as general seating
- Vote Passed Unanimously (4-0)

12. Next Meeting

- Proposed date: Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:00PM
 - Motion: K. Sheridan
 - Second: T. Beaty
 - Vote: Passed unanimously (4-0)

13. Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: K. Sheridan
 - Second: T. Beaty
- Vote: Passed unanimously (4-0)
- Meeting adjourned 7:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,



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