

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

*LAND TRUST MEETING MINUTES*

For

January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:30pm

Bonnet Shores Community Center

6:35pm Call to order

In attendance Terence Beaty, Arthur Hardy, Steve Danuszar, Bill DeGizzo, Lloyd Albert and those on Zoom connections including Dave Kaufman

It was noted by Art that we did not have a Quorum. Terence decided an open discussion was still useful considering the coastal grant application issues at hand.

1. Item #1 - Bill D. spoke about the 2017 BAY AND WATERSHED RESTORATION FUND (BWRF) GRANT and how the new application for the same grant type was again available. The application had been circulated by Carol O'Donnell to everyone. He noted it could cover both dredging and improvements that might help BSFD long term. Three events have come together to cause current conditions. The grant has \$200,000 available and application deadline is 02/28/24. Deadline is 2/28 and the guidelines for completing the application have been circulated to the board.
2. Terence asked what is the amount and who is the applicant or person who signs the application? Answer was \$200,000 and Carol O'Donnell would sign for the BSFD. David K. noted we missed two instructional workshops on the application process.
3. Carolyn D. noted we must apply as a quasi-municipality.
4. Faith L. asked whether it has a matching feature to the payout and will the Town of Narragansett be involved. She mentioned being in contact with Carol McIntee about the 2017 application.
5. Lloyd commented that a neighbor held an informal meeting and several community neighbors attended.
6. Stakeholders are thought to be Land Trust, BSFD, RIDEM, CRMC, Town of Narragansett, Save the Bay, Audubon, etc.
7. Discussion began about the 2017 application and who was involved.
8. It was noted that supporting letters would be needed including from the Land Trust.
9. Item #2 – Reinstatement plan for IRS status under 501 c(3): Dave K. went through slides containing property deeds, budget estimates and the application draft.
10. Faith L. asked if BSFD members tabled approval of the by-laws.
11. Someone said an approval was requested from BSFD but not obtained (BSFD has since said they will review and vote at next meeting)
12. PUBLIC COMMENT: Bill D. requested that a map be created that shows all LT owned property without historical boundaries between lots. This would be easier to read and acknowledge LT ownership. He also noted the opportunity for fund raising after 501 c3 designation is completed. Ideas include tee shirts, transfer fees, events, etc.
13. Lloyd A. asked Dave K. when the reinstatement application will be effective. Dave K. answered as of the application date, not the actual approval date.

Meeting ended.