

Bonnet Shores Fire District Land Trust DRAFT Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 21, 2025

Present: Joan Fandetti, Paulette Brousseau, Kevin Dolan, Kelly Sheridan, Joe Thomas

Call to Order

1. Meeting called to order by Joan Fandetti, Chair, at 12:05 PM
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

1. Ms. Fandetti acknowledged and thanked Scott Ruhren, PhD, Senior Director of Conservation, Audubon Society of Rhode Island who will be leading a trail walk following the meeting, and Neal Coleman, who will present regarding the history of the trail.

Agenda

1. Ms. Fandetti asked for the February 18, 2025 Land Trust Committee Meeting Minutes to be approved
 - a. Motion to accept meeting minutes, P. Brousseau; Second, K. Dolan
 - i. Motion passed, 5 votes for, 0 against
2. Ms. Fandetti called for a discussion and motion regarding approval for design of and expense for a new Causeway sign
 - a. Mr. Thomas proposed that we create a separate sign for the to-be-installed trail sign rather than adding an arrow to the main sign at the Community Center and proposed that it be added to the April 2025 agenda
 - b. Ms. Brousseau is in agreement that all Fire District signage should match
 - c. Mr. Dolan asked for clarification regarding the various quotes for the signage
 - d. Ms. Fandetti noted the money is available in the Land Trust account, we will receive additional funding in June, and the BSFD Council has approved
 - e. Motion to approve design and expenditure, J. Thomas; Second, K. Dolan
 - i. Motion passed, 5 votes for, 0 against
3. Ms. Fandetti asked for a motion to schedule the next Land Trust meeting on Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, ahead of the BSFD Council meeting
 - a. The April 15, 2025 meeting will be the last meeting before the Annual Meeting and Election
 - b. Dr. John King will be present an overview of the Little Beach studies; the presentation will last approximately one hour
 - c. The April 15, 2025 meeting will be on Zoom to allow for community members to view the presentation
 - d. The BSFD Council will be invited
 - e. The meeting announcement will be sent via email blast and posted on the website as soon as possible to make sure community members have plenty of advance notice
 - f. Motion to approve scheduling the next Land Trust meeting on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, K. Dolan; second J. Thomas
 - i. Motion passed, 5 vote for, 0 against
4. Ms. Fandetti invited Neal Coleman to speak regarding the history of the walking trail

- a. Mr. Coleman thanked the Audubon Society for the easement
- b. Mr. Coleman shared that the Land Trust originally contacted the South Kingstown Land Trust for advice on a walking trail and they were very helpful
- c. Mr. Ernie Casey contacted the Boy Scouts to see if they would assist as an Eagle Scout project; trail work was started in April 2021 and completed in August 2022
 - i. The Boy Scouts and 1 Girl Scout built key bridges across the trail and the kiosk
 - ii. The Boy Scouts also added two benches along the trail
 - iii. Earth & Water Landscaping provided trail clearing assistance
- d. Mr. Coleman noted that the path will still need regular maintenance and upkeep
- e. The trail is 0.5 miles long

Motion to Adjourn

- 1. Motion to adjourn and walk the trail, K. Sheridan, Second J. Thomas
 - a. Motion Passed, 5 votes for, 0 against
- 2. Meeting Adjourned 12:40PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kelly R. Sheridan".

Kelly R. Sheridan
Bonnet Shores Land Trust Committee Secretary

