

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, July 27, 2013 7:30 p.m.

Narragansett High School So. Pier Rd. Narragansett, RI

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

- A. Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Ray LaBelle at 7:30 p.m. In attendance: Council Chair, Lenny Mercier; Council members: Janice McClanaghan, Matt Mannix, Paul Farley, John Pariseault, Terry Fracassa and Natalie McDonald; Tax Collector, Helen Patience; Treasurer, Mary McGinn; District Manager, Erin Rooney; Harbormaster, Mike Tortolani; and Clerk, Carole Duffy.
- B. *Pledge of Allegiance* was recited and a moment of silence was observed for deceased Bonnet Shores' residents and the men and women in our Armed Forces.

II. Proper Notice and Quorum Attested to

- A. Clerk Duffy responded affirmatively

III. Ratification of 2012 Annual Meeting minutes

- A. The Assembly ratified the minutes with no discussion.

IV. Nominating Committee Report

- A. Committee Chair, Diane Golini presented the following slate of officers for 2013-2014: **Council** – 3 yr. term: Terry Fracassa and John Pariseault; **Land Trust** 3 yr. term: George Vine ; **Moderator**, Ray LaBelle; **Clerk**, Carole Duffy; **Tax Collector**, Helen Patience; **Treasurer**, Mary McGinn; **Fire Wardens**, Donna Gunning and Steve McCooey; **Tax Assessors**, Roz Thomas, Pat Mannix, and Maryanne Vine.
- B. Nominations from the floor for regular officers... There were **no** nominations from the floor; therefore, the Moderator asked the Clerk to cast **one vote** for the unopposed slate of candidates.

V. Nomination of Taxpayers to Serve on Nominating Committee (5 needed)

Donna Gunning, Diane Golini, Steve McCooey, Ted DiStefano, Paul Haas, Brian Holland, and Terry Duffy

VI. Ballot Vote

- A. District Officers (These ballots did not need to be submitted as there was no opposition.) Nominating Committee Members

VIII. Tax Collector

Helen Patience reported that the District was in great shape. 98% of taxes collected to date: \$256,215.00. The Assembly accepted the report. See attached report

IX. Treasurer

Mary McGinn reported: revenue...\$272,000 expenses...\$231,049. Capital expenses: \$21,082. The Assembly accepted the report; see attached.

X. Ratification of Compensation

- A. **Motion** was made by Winnie Kelly and seconded by Bruce Fournier to accept the following rates of pay: Tax Collector (\$5000); Treasurer (\$3500); and Clerk (\$3000). **Discussion:** none. **Motion** passed.

XI. Land Trust Report: no report

XII. State of the District Report

Council Chair, Lenny Mercier, thanked fellow Council members, members of various Committees, and residents who volunteered to work on numerous events and projects with the overall results... a great year for Bonnet Shores.

A. Financial

- For 5th year in a row, the Council has been able to maintain services with no tax increases acknowledging ongoing fiscal constraints in RI.
- Community Center: new roof ; generator (for respite during extreme weather conditions) in addition there were new lighting fixtures installed (interior and exterior) per code and safety issues
- Patriot Disposal Service was chosen to manage the District's waste disposal at a small annual increase for the service.

B. Little Beach/Kelly Beach:

- dock at Little Beach, ramp at Little Beach repaired
- Summer beach bus route was redesigned to reach more of the District
- Two lifeguard chairs were added to Kelly Beach
- Security guard will be continuing at Kelly Beach and evening patrols

C. Environmental

- Many residents volunteered on Earth Day to collect litter from our streets and beaches. They were joined by cadres of URI student volunteers. Everyone enjoyed delectable treats provided by the Committee. Special thanks to all who helped organize this project.
- The Beach and Security Committees continue to be vigilant in the areas of maintenance and residents' property protection

D. Social and Recreational

- Many events were planned and executed by the Social Committee. These included: the annual Holiday party, Kentucky Derby event. This Committee works very hard to plan enjoyable events to bring our residents together
- The Annual Bonnet Days event was planned and carried out by members of the Committee and by all accounts this year's program was a huge success. Walkers, runners and especially the children look forward to this event which is much appreciated by all participants.

E. Volunteers

- Many residents spend countless hours enhancing the quality of life in Bonnet. Among them is Phil Smith who is at the ready to tackle any job; from moving and repairing benches to clearing unwanted seaweed from Little Beach. I want to thank Phil for all of his selfless efforts.

Finally, BSFD is extremely fortunate to have had the past, the present, and the future Council members who work tirelessly for everyone. Our District Manager, Erin Rooney, manages to keep things in order and running smoothly. Committee members and volunteers continuously strive to make our community better. Bonnet is a strong and wonderful community ... like no other. I am proud to have served another year as your Council Chair. It is a joy to work with each one of my fellow Council members and everyone in the community. I'm looking forward to the coming and ensuing years. Thanks, to you all.

XIII: Old Business:

A. None

XIV: New Business

A. None

XV: Audience

- Question about sanitation : N.McDonald explained the new contract with Patriot including day change and fees

XVI. Election Results... Nominating Committee: Steve McCooey, Terry Duffy, Paul Hass, Donna Gunning, Ted DiStefano, Diane Golini, Brian Holland

Council: Terry Fracassa and John Pariseault

Moderator: Ray LaBelle **Clerk:** Carole Duffy **Tax Assessors:** Roz Thomas, Pat Mannix, Maryanne Vine **Fire Wardens:** Donna Gunning, Steve McCooey **Tax Collector:** Helen Patience **Treasurer:** Mary McGinn **Land Trust:** Ray LaBelle

Nominating Committee:

* Ted DiStefano * Donna Gunning * Terry Duffy

* Steve McCooey * Paul Haas;

XVI: Adjournment

Motion by Paul Haas to adjourn; second by Winnie Kelly; the Assembly voted unanimously in favor. 8:10p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Duffy, Clerk

Carole Duffy
Minutes Ratified on

June 26, 2014

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ANNUAL MEETING
June 27, 2013**

FY 2013:

Total Assessment:	\$489,610,400.00
Less Tax Exempt:	\$1,873,770.92
Taxable Assessment:	\$487,736,629.08
Collectable Taxes:	\$245,916.90
Taxes Collected	\$241,795.58
Interest Collected:	\$1,323.75
Percentage of Taxes Collected	98.32%

FY 2014:

Total Assessment:	\$492,435,200.00
Less Tax Exempt:	-\$5,426,700.00
Taxable Assessment:	\$487,008,500.00
collectable Taxes:	\$256,215.17
Prior Years Taxes Uncollected:	\$3,630.90

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**Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2013**

Total Revenue: \$271, 633

Tax Revenue represents 91% of total revenue; hall rental fees, newsletter advertising represent other income.

Total Expense: \$231,049

Sanitation totaled \$108,600; or 47% of total expense; beach expenses were \$31,731 or 14% of the total.

Capital Budget:

\$21,082 was spent on Capital Improvements, such as lease payments on the Backhoe and mooring replacements at the Little Beach; about \$9,600 was appropriated to the Capital Budget, which help towards replacing the roof at the Community Center during this fiscal year. We ended the year with a surplus of about \$9,600.

As reflected in the Spring Newsletter, General and Operating Fund Balances at fiscal yearend totaled more than \$54,000 and the Designated Fund Balance was more than \$78,000—of these the Capital Fund Account was the largest at \$32,464 and Harbor Improvement at \$17,729.

A 4.1% tax increase was approved for the fiscal year 2013-2014—in great part due to the increase in sanitation. The approved budget is available in the spring newsletter.