

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT
2015 ANNUAL MEETING**

*Thursday, June 25 at 7:30 pm
(Voter Registration & Check-In Starts at 6:30 pm)*

BONNET SHORES COMMUNITY CENTER, Narragansett, Rhode Island

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by District Moderator
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Reflection on Deceased Members of the Fire District
- II. Proper Notice and Quorum Attested to by the Clerk
- III. Ratification of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes
- IV. Report of Nominating Committee
 - A. Council Candidates
 - B. Land Trust Candidates
 - C. Other Candidates for Fire District Officers
 - D. Nominations from the Floor
 - E. Introductions of Candidates (candidate remarks)
- V. Nomination of Taxpayers to Serve on Nominating Committee
- VI. VOTE BY BALLOT for District Officers and Nominating Committee Members
- VII. Report of the Tax Collector
- VIII. Report of the Treasurer
- IX. Pursuant to the Fire District's By-Laws, Vote to Approve Rates of Compensation for the following elected officials: (1) Tax Collector, (2) Clerk, (3) Treasurer
- X. Vote on Allocation to the BSFD Land Trust, pursuant to Land Trust Charter
- XI. State of the District by District Council Chairman
- XII. Old Business
- XIII. New Business
- XIV. Election Results
- XV. Adjournment

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must contact the Fire District Manager at least three (3) business days before the Annual Meeting date.

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Bonnet Shores Community Center 130 Bonnet Shores 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, Paul Farley, Matt Mannix, Tax Collector, Helen Patience; Treasurer, Mary McGinn; District Manager, Lisa DiBello; 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 June, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes

A. The Assembly ratified the minutes with no discussion.

IV. Nominating Committee Report

A. Committee Chair presented the following slate of officers for 2015-2016: **Council** 3 yr. terms: Janice McClanaghan and Mike Vendetti **Land Trust** 3 yr. term: Jean Albert, David Stenmark, and Nancy Cordy; **Moderator**, Ray LaBelle; **Clerk**, Carole Duffy; **Tax Collector**, Helen Patience; **Treasurer**, Mary McGinn; **Fire Wardens**, Natalie McDonald and Denise McCooey; **Tax Assessors**, Roz Thomas, Judy Colarulli, and Carol Stenmark.

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)

Carolyn Dileo, Carol Fortin, Brian Holland, Anita Langer, and Richard Mercier. Clerk cast **one vote** for the slate as there were no other nominations.

VI. Ballot Vote

A. District Officers (These ballots did not need to be submitted as there was no opposition to the nominated slate).

VII. Tax Collector

See Helen Patience's attached report that the District was in great shape. 99.5% of taxes collected. The Assembly accepted the report.

VIII. Treasurer

Mary McGinn reported: revenue...\$266,719 expenses...\$235,343. The Assembly accepted the report; see attached.

IX. Ratification of Compensation Motion was made by Matt Mannix and seconded

by Janice McClanaghan to accept the following rates of pay: Tax Collector (\$5000); Treasurer (\$4250); and Clerk (\$3750). **Discussion:** none. **Motion** passed

X. Land Trust Allocation: a **motion** was made and seconded to allocate \$2500 for Land Trust expenses. **Discussion** none. **Motion** passed.

XI. 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 special "thank you" to Matt Mannix for his service on the Council. Matt chose not to seek reelection due to his duties on the Narragansett Town Council

A. Financial

- The Council is proud to be able to maintain our expenses with a minimal burden on our taxpayers. Thanks to Mary McGinn.

B. Little Beach/Kelly Beach

- Security guard will be continuing at Kelly Beach and evening patrols
- Beaches, summer camp, and harbor are ready.

C. Environmental

- BSBC has been working on an engineering plan for a sewer line which would connect to the pumping station. This plan will require permitting from Narragansett, CRMC, and DEM and permission from the Council to place the pipe in the causeway roadway. There will be an information session on Weds. 7/22/2015 at the Community Center

D. Social and Recreational

- Many events were planned and executed by the Social Committee this year.
- The Annual Bonnet Days event was planned and carried out by members of the Committee and by all accounts last summer's event was a huge success. Walkers, runners, and especially the children look forward to this annual event which is much appreciated by all participants.

E. Volunteers

- * Many residents spend countless hours enhancing the quality of life in Bonnet by participating on the many committees and by maintaining the District's equipment and land.

F. District Manager

- * We welcomed a new manager, Lisa DiBello, in April and she hit the ground running by hiring life guards and camp counsellors. Please drop by the CC to say hello.

Finally, BSFD is extremely fortunate to have had the past, the present, and the future Council members who work tirelessly for everyone. It is a joy to work with each one of my fellow Council members and everyone in the community. I encourage each of you to attend the monthly Council meetings and to get involved in committee work. Thanks to Carol McEntee, our new Legislative Rep., for securing a \$1000 grant for the District. I'm looking forward to the coming and ensuing years. Thanks. to you all.

XII: Old Business:

A. None

XIII: New Business

- A. Terry Duffy, Chair of the Land Trust, reported that the Trust would be researching collaborating with other Land Trusts in the coming year. They would also be identifying fragile land in the District like the Wesquage Pond. He thanked Paul Haas, Mary Flynn, and Anita Langer for serving on the Trust for the last three years. Kudos to Trustee, Brad Sellon, for creating a LT website.

XIV: Audience

XV. Election Results... **Nominating Committee:** Carolyn Dileo, Carol Fortin, Brian Holland, Anita Langer, and Richard Mercier

Council: Janice McClanaghan and Mike Vendetti

Moderator: Ray LaBelle **Clerk:** Carole Duffy **Tax Assessors:** Roz Thomas, Judy Colarulli, Carol Stenmark **Fire Wardens:** Natalie McDonald, Denise McCooey

Tax Collector: Helen Patience **Treasurer:** Mary McGinn **Land Trust:** Jean Albert, Nancy Cordy, and David Stenmark

XVI: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; seconded; the Assembly voted unanimously in favor.
8:15p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Duffy, Clerk

Minutes Ratified on

Carole Duffy
June 30, 2016

**Bonnet Shores Fire District
Annual Meeting
June 25, 2015
Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2015**

Total Revenue: \$266,719

Tax Revenue represents 97% of total revenue; hall rental fees, newsletter advertising represent other income.

Total Expense: \$235,343

Sanitation totaled \$129,452 or 55% of total expense; beach expenses were \$29,040 or 12.3% of the total.

Capital Budget:

\$19,967 was spent on Capital Improvements, such as the final lease payment on the backhoe and mooring replacements at the Little Beach along with the new storage shed at the Community Center.

We ended the year with a surplus of about \$11,400.

As reflected in the Spring Newsletter, General and Operating Fund Balances at fiscal yearend totaled more than \$68,405 and the Designated Fund Balances totaled almost \$74,000.

There are four items on the current Capital Improvement Budget: \$3,000 for a storage closet at the Community Center, \$1,500 for a mooring replacement, \$6,000 for dock repairs at Little Beach and \$4,000 for the purchase of traffic safety signs.

There is no tax increase proposed for the current fiscal year. The approved budget is available in the spring newsletter.

Submitted,

**Mary E. McGinn
Treasurer**

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FY 2016:

Land Assessment:

Building Assessment:

Total Assessment:

Mil Rate:

Collectable Taxes:

FY2015:

Collectable Taxes:	\$	256,215.17
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Taxes Collected:	\$	254,869.25
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Percentage of Taxes Collected:		99.47%
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Interest Collected	\$	2,906.77
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Prior Years Taxes Uncollected:	\$	2,407.48
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