

# BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT 2016 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 29, 2017 7:30 p.m.

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, Natalie McDonald, John Pariseault. Tax Collector, Helen Patience, Treasurer, Mary McGinn, District Manager, Lisa DiBello; 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 2016 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 2017-2018: **Council** 3 yr. terms: Dan Johnson, Chris Mannix and Anthony Lupino **Land Trust** 3 yr. term: Eliot Gersten; **Moderator**, Ray LaBelle; **Clerk**, Carole Duffy; **Tax Collector**, Richard Mercier; **Treasurer**, Mary McGinn; **Fire Wardens**, Bill Giannini and Denise McCooey; **Tax Assessors**: Miki Dickinson, Denise Sellon, and Carol Stenmark.

- B. Nominations from the floor for regular officers...  
Anita Langer and Carol O'Donnell for Council

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

Dave Stenmark, Donna Monaghan, Ted DiStefano, Nancy Cordy, Miki Dickinson, Paul Haas, Brad Sellon, Sharon Ford

- ### VI. Ballot Vote: Motion was made and seconded to have the Clerk cast one vote for the endorsed positions: Moderator, Ray La Belle, Treasurer, Mary McGinn, Tax Collector, Richard Mercier, Clerk, Carole Duffy, Assessors: Carol Stenmark, Miki Dickinson, Denise Sellon; Fire Wardens: Denise McCooey, Bill Giannini; Land Trust: Eliot Gersten and Neal Coleman

### VII. Tax Collector

Helen Patience reported that the District was in great shape. 98% of taxes collected with a total assessment value of \$527,271. Mil rate: .5508 which is a 12% increase  
The Assembly accepted the report.

### VIII. Treasurer

Mary McGinn reported: revenue...\$290,000 expenses...\$280,000. Little Beach dredging and recycle totes purchase account for tax increase. The Assembly accepted the report.

- ### IX. Ratification of Compensation Motion was made and seconded 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. **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 during the years as Chair. A special thank you was expressed for all the sound technology that Tom Hines has donated throughout the years.

### A. Financial

- The Council is proud to be keeping our finances in line. There will be a modest increase in taxes (average \$25 this year) due to the new totes (paid for over two years) and harbor dredging. Other expenses include: operation expenses; staffing for the summer, busses for beach transportation, and maintenance of the breach way. Mary McGinn is doing a great job managing our funds.

### 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

\* Committees are working on plans to clean Little Beach of seaweed and to maintain it that way.

\* Plans for the BSBC sewer project are moving forward and easements have been agreed upon; the District is committed to work collaboratively on this project with the BSBC

\* Looking forward to a plan with DEM for dredging the pond

### D. Social and Recreational

Many social events were planned and well attended; especially popular are the monthly beach or CC get togethers and the Annual holiday party

\* Bonnet Days will be organized shortly which is always well attended

### 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

\* District Manager, Lisa DiBello, began her third year. She has tackled a playground upgrade, revamped staff policies and procedures, and has been in close contact with local and state officials.

Finally, BSFD is extremely fortunate to have had the past, the present, and the future Council members who work tirelessly for everyone. It has been an honor to serve as Council Chair throughout my tenure. Thanks to everyone, Lenny.

## XII: Old Business:

A. None

## XIII: New Business

A. None

## XIV: Audience

XV. Election Results... **Nominating Committee:** Donna Monaghan, Ted DiStefano,  
Sharon Ford, Paul Haas and Miki Dickinson

**Council:** Dan Johnson, Chris Mannix, and Anita Langer

**Moderator:** Ray LaBelle **Clerk:** Carole Duffy **Tax Assessors:** Denise Sellon Miki  
Dickinson, Carol Stenmark **Fire Wardens:** Bill Giannini Denise McCooey

**Tax Collector:** Richard Mercier **Treasurer:** Mary McGinn **Land Trust:** Eliot Gersten  
and Neal Coleman

XVI: Adjournment

**Motion** to adjourn; seconded; the Assembly voted unanimously in favor.  
8:35p.m.

*Minutes are available on the BSFD website following ratification.*

Respectfully submitted by Carole Duffy Minutes Ratified on \_\_\_\_\_