

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT 2018 ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:00 p.m.

Bonnet Shores Beach Club 175 Bonnet Point Rd Narragansett, RI 02882

MINUTES

- I. Call to Order
 - A. Meeting was called to order by Moderator, Ray LaBelle at 8:00 p.m. In attendance Council Chair, Michael Vendetti; Council members: Janice McClanaghan, Natalie McDonald, John Pariseault, Dan Johnson, Anita Langer, Chris Mannix. Tax Collector, Richard Mercier, 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 2017 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 2018-2019: **Council** 3 yr. terms: Ron Gendron and Mike Vendetti **Land Trust** 3 yr. term: Brad Sellon, George Monaghan, Terry Duffy ; **Moderator**, Ray LaBelle; **Clerk**, Carole Duffy; **Tax Collector**, Richard Mercier; **Treasurer**, Mary McGinn; **Fire Wardens**, Bill Giannini and Denise McCooey; **Tax Assessors**: Laurie McCarthy, Denise Sellon, and Carol Stenmark.
 - B. Nominations from the floor for regular officers...
Janice McClanaghan for Council; Matt Mannix for Clerk; Marlene Bellini and Lenny Mercier for Land Trust
- V. Nomination of Taxpayers to Serve on Nominating Committee (5 needed):
Dave Stenmark, Donna Monaghan, Neal Coleman, Mary Mercier, Tony Lupino, Paul Farley, Brad Sellon, Steve McCooey, and Brian Holland
- 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, Assessors: Carol Stenmark, Laurie McCarthy, Denise Sellon; Fire Wardens: Denise McCooey, Bill Giannini
- VII. Tax Collector
Richard Mercier reported: see attached Assembly accepted the report.
- VIII. Treasurer
Mary McGinn reported: see attached report. 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: this item is on the ballot. \$4,000 and/or \$60,000

XI. State of the District Report

Council Chair, Mike Vendetti, thanked fellow Council members, members of various Committees, and residents who volunteered to work on numerous events and projects during his 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. Richard Mercier (Tax Collector) has done a fabulous job collecting taxes with a 99% collection rate. Mary McGinn is also doing a great job managing our funds while predicting a tax increase for the coming year due to capital expenses for the CC, Little Beach, and rebuilding capital reserves for future projects. Other expenses include operation expenses; staffing for the summer, busses for beach transportation, and maintenance of the breach way
- Council members Janice McClanaghan and Chris Mannix along with Rep. Carol McEntee and Town Councilman, Matt Mannix, have secured a \$200,000 grant from DEM to dredge the pond to alleviate the hinderance of water flowing back and forth from the ocean to the ponds.

B. Little Beach/Kelly Beach

- Security guards will be continuing beach goers' screening at Kelly Beach and evening patrols
- The Harbor Committee with liaison, Natalie McDonald, oversaw the dredging of 1200 c. yds of sand from the harbor. In addition, a small jetty was removed by Phil Smith to create a safer environment for boaters mooring and accessing the water at Little Beach.

C. Environmental

- * See previous references to the environment
- * Looking forward to the plan from DEM for dredging the pond
- * The outcome of tonight's vote, regarding the walkway project's seed money allocation, will determine future planning expenditures even though the Land Trust has devoted many months to working on the plans for the walkway

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 by Matt Mannix 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, in her fourth year helped with the DEM grant writing and secured a Congressional grant for the purchase of an AUD unit with free CPR training. Feel free to contact Lisa for all residential questions about BSFD.

Finally, BSFD is extremely fortunate to have had the past, the present, and the future Council members who work tirelessly for everyone. I have enjoyed serving as Chair during this past year and I am proud of the many accomplishments we have achieved. I hope to be able to continue on the Council in the future. I want to personally thank Paul Haas for his dedication to the Bonnet community for more than 50 years.

XII: Old Business:

A. None

XIII: New Business

A. None

XIV: Audience

- Many speakers pro and con as to the merits of a walkway adjacent to the causeway
- Bonnet Days, July 14th

XV. Election Results... **Nominating Committee:** Donna Monaghan, Lenny Mercier, Steve McCooley, Brian Holland, and Paul Farley

Council: Janice McClanaghan and Mike Vendetti

Moderator: Ray LaBelle **Clerk:** Matt Mannix **Tax Assessors:** Denise Sellon, Carol Stenmark, Laurie McCarthy **Fire Wardens:** Bill Giannini, Denise McCooley

Tax Collector: Richard Mercier **Treasurer:** Mary McGinn **Land Trust:** Marlene Bellini, Lenny Mercier, and George Monaghan

XVI: Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; seconded; the Assembly voted unanimously in favor. 10 p.m.

Minutes are available on the BSFD website following ratification.

Respectfully submitted by Carole Duffy Minutes Ratified on June 27, 2019

Carole Duffy