

**Bonnet Shores Fire District Council**  
Bonnet Shores Fire District Community Center  
130 Bonnet Shores Road  
Narragansett, Rhode Island  
Monthly Meeting  
May 17, 2017

**Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**

Council Vice Chair Mike Vendetti called the Council meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Those in attendance included Council Members: Janice McClanaghan, John Pariseault, Bill DelGizzo, Paul Farley, and Natalie McDonald. Manager Lisa DiBello. Harbormaster Mike Tortolani, Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector Helen Patience, and Clerk Carole Duffy were also present.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance along with observing a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

**Urgent Business:** Mr. Underhill shared house plans with the group. B. Del Gizzo **moved** to accept the plans subject to all Narragansett building permit codes; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. McClanaghan. **Motion** passed 5-0

**Ratification of Mar.15, 2017 Minutes:**

**Motion:** P. Farley made a motion to accept the March minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by N. McDonald. **Motion** passed 4-0 with abstention by M. Vendetti due to absence. P. Farley **moved** to accept the April 27, 2017 minutes ; 2<sup>nd</sup> N. McDonald. **Motion** passed 5-0. J. Pariseault had not arrived at the time of these motions

**Guest speakers:** Prof. John King of URI and Linda Green of CRMC gave a 1-hour presentation on climate change and future impact on the ocean adjacent to Bonnet Shores. The business meeting commenced at 8:25

**Committee Reports**

- a) **Beautification Committee Report:** no report
- b) **Beach and Security Committee Reports:** J. McClanaghan reported: summer bus schedule > 11-5 Saturday and 9>6:30 on Sunday; July 1> Sept.3 Little Beach will be cleaned regularly again this year. Security at beach on weekends.
- c) **Public Works Committee Report:** J. Pariseault expects to resume discussions with Town about traffic calming.
- d) **Social Committee Report:** no report

- e) **Pond Committee Report:** J. McClanaghan explained that the Town, CRMC and Audubon will be contacted to continue discussions about securing a grant to dredge the pond
- f) **Harbor Committee Report:** M. Tortolani reported that the ramp needs a new plate; four companies have been contacted to seek prices for dredging the harbor
- g) **History:** no report
- h) **Trash:** P. Farley noted that 920 recycling barrels had been received and dispersed

**Tax Collector's Report:** H. Patience reported that 98% of taxes have been collected

**Treasurer's Report:** M. McGinn reported that the mil rate may increase slightly for next year.

**Land Trust Report:** Chair Terry Duffy and Trustee David Stenmark made a presentation about the Causeway/ Walkway Project. T. Duffy outlined these points: necessity, practicality, feasibility, and affordability. D. Stenmark then explained the details of the design. It would begin 100-150 ft. east of Allagash and end 100-150 ft. west of the BSBC entrance. The walkway would be 8 ft. wide and sit above the ground. The Town has seen the plans and are enthusiastic about the project especially for public safety reasons. CRMC will have to okay the plans. Money for the project will come from grants and fundraising. Dave assured questioners that all aspects of the project have been considered and addressed. B. DelGizzo **moved** to give approval for the BSLT to move forward with the CRMC preliminary determination hearing co-sponsored by BSFDLT and the Town of Narragansett.;2<sup>nd</sup> J.McClanaghan. **Motion** passed 6-0.

**District Manager's Report:** L. DiBello reported on a variety of topics: Little Beach vandalism, pond testing, Webmaster retiring, DEM grant seeking, and that Rep. Carol McEntee will be submitting a grant for the purchase of a defibrillator. See entire report for all the details

**Old Business:**

- No traffic
- Beach passes: J. McClanaghan explained that 75% of responses to survey question about beach passes was positive. She then explained how the pass system would work. There were many comments about the pros and cons to the tag system. N.McDonald **moved** to accept the tag system for the current season and to reassess before next

summer; 2<sup>nd</sup> B.DelGizzo. **Motion** passed 5-1. (opposed- P.Farley)

- Rezoning issue: the Town has allowed a zoning change from residential to commercial for a property at the corner of Bonnet Point Rd, and Boston Neck Rd. Many Bonnet residents attended the Town Council meeting to plead the cause but to no avail. P.Farley suggested amending our charter to address this problem. An attorney has been contacted to see if the district has legal recourse to the Town's actions.

### **New Business:**

- J.McClanaghan **moved** to include the Road Race on the agenda for Saturday's Council meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Pariseault. **Motion** passed 6-0
- P. Farley **moved** to table the motion concerning reimbursement for towing illegally parked cars; 2<sup>nd</sup> N.McDonald. **Motion** passed 6-0.
- J.McClanaghan **moved** to table the request for a Zumba class at the CC. **Motion** passed 6-0.

**Period of Public Comment:** A resident inquired about the broken fence behind houses on Boston Neck Rd. near the liquor store. A suggestion was made to contact Rep. McEntee

*Meeting minutes will be available on the Website after ratification*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further public comments or district business B.DelGizzo **moved** to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Pariseault. All present agreed. Adjournment at 9:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Duffy

Ratified

10/18/17

Clerk: Carole

*Carole Duffy*