

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

Bonnet Shores Fire District Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting
May 16, 2018

Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Council Chair Mike Vendetti called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Those in attendance included Council Members: Janice McClanaghan, Chris Mannix, Anita Langer, Natalie McDonald and Dan Johnson, District Manager Lisa DiBello. Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector, Richard Mercier, Harbormaster, Mike Tortolani 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: BSBC, President, Kevin Lynch asked for permission to use CC parking lot on 7/6/2018 due to fireworks. 4 police, an EMT and a firefighter have been hired to be on hand for members of BSBC, no guests. Rain date, 7/8/2018. J. McClanaghan **moved** to accept the request; 2nd.C. Mannix. **Motion** passed 6-0

No Executive session

Ratification of Nov, 2017 Minutes:

Motion: C. Mannix made a **motion** to accept the Nov. 2017 minutes; 2nd by A. Langer. **Motion** passed by those in attendance in Nov. 6-0. C. Mannix **moved** to accept the Jan. 2018 minutes 2nd, N. McDonald. **Motion** passed 4-0 by those who attended the Jan. meeting. A. Langer **moved** to accept the April 2018 minutes; 2nd N. McDonald. **motion** passed 6-0. N. McDonald moved to pass the budget; 2nd, J. McClanaghan. **Motion** passed 6-0.

Public Comment

* Joe Thomas had questions about the walkway project and a discussion ensued: a survey had been circulated and 235 people responded positively; project costs, insurance, and maintenance have been investigated and explained during several Council meetings plus info in on the LT website. Chair Vendetti added that the LT had held many meetings during the year and a vote will be held at the Annual Meeting. D.Stenmark asked of the seed money was in the BSFD Capital Budget. N. McDonald explained that the money was in the LT Operating Budget, that the LT has not Capital Budget, any appropriation to the LT by the BSFD needs to be voted on, it represents money that is anticipated to be spent by LT within a year to conduct its business. Furthermore, any indebtedness would also need to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Steve McCooey agreed that more information should have been forthcoming, and he is against a 34.9% tax increase.

* Matt Mannix read from a prepared statement extolling the accomplishment of Council person, J. McClanaghan and urged her to accept a nomination for re election at the Annual Meeting.

* Paul Haas, member of the Nominating Committee defended the decision to nominate Ron Gendron for Council while praising Janice for her accomplishments

* Walkway discussion continued: all information has been circulated in a "Newsletter", liability would be the same as on the District's roads. Chair asked that the walkway discussions be directed at the LT individuals.

a) Beach and Security Committee Reports: J.McClanaghan reported: beaches will be open 6/23-6/24, bus to run beginning 6/30-7/1> cost has doubled as BSFD not sharing costs w/ BSBC; security guards on weekends at boardwalk and sharing with BSBC at breach way; cleaning Little Beach will be ongoing and large rocks from jetty will be used to rebuild wall near road; Newsletter articles are due 5/18; Bonnet Days 7/14 at 9:30 with 3 mile race and cook out; C.Mannix added need lifeguards; beach tags will not be replaced, utility bills can be shown as verification

c) Public Works Committee Report: no report

d) Social Committee Report: no report

e) Pond Committee Report: J. McClanaghan reviewed the tenets of the DEM Grant; an engineering firm has been hired to do preliminary tasks before the project can commence; 6,000cu. yds of sand will be removed and placed on our beaches; timetable: mid to late fall w/ anticipation of a closed causeway for 1-2 days

f) Harbor Committee Report: N.McDonald reported: meetings Apr. 9 and May 5 at which time the group decided to take regular sand measurements to determine sand movement; cement blocks were installed near ramp; floating dock went in on 5/16; recommendation was made to look into hiring a professional company in the future to remove the dock before and after the boating season; Committee recommends putting money in Capital budget, annually, earmarked for dock needs

g) Historical: a 1935 picture of Kelly Beach was circulated of members of the Mannix family showing, no houses from 1 Dunes Rd. to the Point

h) Trash: no report

i) BSBC: no report

j) By Laws: A. Langer reported that a meeting had convened but had to be adjourned due to the bullying and disruptive behavior of a few people

Tax Collector's Report: R. Mercier reported: all taxes have been collected except for \$250 + interest. Tax sale will be held on 6/14 at Town Hall. See new tax bill in attached report

Treasurer's Report: M. McGinn reported: most of tax money has been collected thanks to R. Mercier. Pleased to see the very large turnout at the annual budget hearing. The complete budget will be printed in the Newsletter before the Annual Meeting

Land Trust: D. Stenmark reported: discussions are ongoing with Audubon for the transference of said land to the LT.

N. Cordy added that there now is 300 people in support of the walkway, an ongoing report on the progress has been posted on the LT website monthly as personal mailing is too expensive

District Manager's Report: L. DiBello contributed the following information to accompany her written report: yard waste container schedule has been posted; hard to find life guards; CPR-AED training, June 29th

the upgrading of the computer system; “speed cushions” were being discussed; summer camp is all set; looking for lifeguards.

Old Business:

- Tax sale; see Tax Collector’s report
- Procurement procedures manual tabled
- Voting rights
 - Kevin Lynch, Pres. BSBC, spoke about the attempt by the Bylaws Committee to seek clarification of voting eligibility in the District including the BC. Strong bond has developed over the years between Bonnet residents and BSBC members and he feels that it is important to continue that way so that ongoing discussions can occur. Chair Vendetti agreed that dialogue must continue as various projects of mutual interest arise. Resident and member of the Bylaws Committee Paul Haas shared his opinion concerning the wording about voting in the bylaws and that legal opinion should be sought.

New Business:

- **Nominating Committee:** Chair Sharon Ford shared these results: Moderator, Ray LaBelle, Clerk, Carole Duffy, Treasurer, Mary McGinn, Tax Collector, Richard Mercier, Assessors, Denise Sellon, Laurie McCarthy, Carol Stenmark, Fire Wardens, Denise McCooey, Bill Gianinni, Land Trust, George Monaghan, Terry Duffy, Brad Sellon, Council, Mike Vendetti, Ron Gendron
- **Annual Meeting: Motion** was made to accept the agenda by N. McDonald; 2nd A. Langer. Motion passed 6-0. Discussion: location due to large number of attendees expected. Narragansett. HS and Middle were booked and L. DiBello suggested that Town Council member, Matt Mannix investigate locations in the city.

Adjournment

There being no further public comments or district business N. McDonald **moved** to adjourn; 2nd A. Langer. All present agreed. Adjournment at 9 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk: Carole Duffy

Ratified July 18, 2018