

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, November 20, 2018
7:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Council Chair Michael Vendetti called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. In attendance were council members Janice McClanaghan, Daniel Johnson, Christopher Mannix, Natalie McDonald and Anita Langer. Also in attendance were Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector Richard Mercier and District Manager Lisa DiBello. Council Member John Pariseault was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

M. Vendetti led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for members of the military.

Urgent Business

Anita Langer moved to approve four sets of building plans (0 Maywood Road, 15 Parmkman Road, 46 Ottawa Trail and 12 Sebago Trail). The motion was seconded by J. McClanaghan and approved unanimously, 6-0.

M. Vendetti informed the council that a complaint had been filed by a resident with the Attorney General's Office against the Fire District, alleging violations of the Open Meetings Act. He informed the council that the Attorney General's Office dismissed the complaint and that he had copies of the letter from the Attorney General's Office dismissing the complaint available for anyone to review.

Approval of Minutes

D. Johnson read a letter from J. Pariseault indicating J. Pariseault's disappointment that the November monthly meeting was changed from its regularly scheduled date.

C. Mannix moved to approve the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes. J. McClanaghan seconded the motion and it was approved, 6-0.

Public Comment

None.

Presentation on Pond Dredge by ESM

Mark House and Ray Messier of the consulting firm ESM presented an update to the council regarding the dredge of the pond. They discussed the extensive coordination with DEM and CRMC and the reimbursement procedure for the grant with DEM. They discussed how the window to dredge will close in late January of 2019, so the goal is to complete the dredge by that time. Mike DiCicco, the Director of Public Works for the Town of Narragansett, was also in attendance. Mr. DiCicco discussed how this project is tied into a larger flood mitigation project involving the pond and Lake Road. State Representation Carol McEntee was also in attendance and addressed the relationship of this dredge project to flood mitigation.

At the conclusion of the presentation, C. Mannix moved to accept the report and move forward with the project. The motion was seconded by N. McDonald and approved, 6-0.

Committee and Other Reports

Social (A. Langer): The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on November 30, with the arrival of Santa Claus at 5:00 pm.

Pond (J. McClanaghan): J. McClanaghan referred to the presentation by ESM regarding the dredge project.

Walkway (D. Johnson): The committee held a meeting on November 1, 2018 with twenty people in attendance. It created a mission statement. The committee will seek a loan from the Fire District. It will also seek a \$1,500 transfer from the Land Trust to the committee. The next meeting is scheduled for November 29 at 7:30 pm.

M. Vendetti stated that communications regarding the walkway to the town and CRMC should come from the council, not the Walkway Committee. A long discussion ensued regarding the committee's desire to obtain a \$1,500 transfer from the Land Trust. N. McDonald reminded everyone that the Walkway Committee has no money to spend. She stated that neither the Land Trust nor the BSFD Council has provided monies to the Walkway Committee.

Treasurer (M. McGinn): The Fire District is building its reserves. Reports regarding financial status will be available shortly.

Tax Collector (R. Mercier): Collections are marginally down. There are 73 accounts past due. It is estimated that only 2-3 properties will go to tax sale this year. However, an attorney will need to be retained to conduct the tax sale.

C. Mannix moved to sign the contract to retain an attorney for the tax sale. The motion was seconded by J. McClanaghan and approved, 6-0.

New Business

- **APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CHAIR.** J. McClanaghan nominated C. Mannix to serve as Public Works Chair. N. McDonald seconded the motion, which was approved, 5-1, with A. Langer opposed.

- **OCEAN STATE ROAD RACE.** C. Mannix moved to approve the Ocean State Road Race. The motion was seconded by J. McClanaghan and approved, 6-0.
- **DECEMBER MEETING.** C. Mannix moved, seconded by N. McDonald, to cancel the December 2018 council meeting. D. Johnson indicated that any special council meeting held in December be held at nighttime. The motion was approved, 6-0.

Adjournment

C Mannix moved to adjourn the meeting. J. McClanaghan seconded the motion and it was approved, 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Matthew M. Mannix
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk