

## **Bonnet Shores Fire District**

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, April 17, 2019  
7:30 pm

### **Meeting Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

Council Chair Michael Vendetti called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm. In attendance were council members Anita Langer, Daniel Johnson and Christopher Mannix. Also in attendance were Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector Richard Mercier, Harbormaster Mike Tortolani and District Manager Lisa DiBello. Council Members Janice McClanaghan, Natalie McDonald and John Pariseault were absent.

#### **Urgent Business**

Anita Langer moved, seconded by D. Johnson, to approve building plans for 50 Anchorage Road. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Public Comment**

None.

#### **Committee and Other Reports**

*Beach/Security (C. Mannix):* The security hours will be increased for the upcoming season. The committee suggests including a line item in the budget for a constable.

*Harbor (M. Tortolani):* Working on the Free Little Tackle Box, which may require approvals from other entities, such as DEM. The registration stickers were incorrect and will be fixed. One new mooring came off the wait list.

*Pond (C. Mannix):* The dredgers were able to take down the mountain of sand. The Beach Club is assisting with the spreading of that sand. The process of spreading should take 2-3 weeks. The rain delayed the spreading of the sand. The water level has appeared to have dropped. People have notice swans again, which had not been routinely seen in recent years.

*Walkway (D. Johnson):* The committee met last week. It discussed the motions that were denied at the last monthly meeting. D. Stenmark is trying to set up a meeting with the IRS. The next meeting is April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

*Trash (L. DiBello):* The changes from last council meeting have been included.

*Treasurer (M. McGinn):* Fire District is in good shape. Mark House, the dredge consultant, is trying to shorten the reimbursement process from the state to ensure better cash flow. The budget work sessions will be held the week of May 20 and the public hearing on the budget will

be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. A. Langer had several questions about the budget and wanted a clearer report. M. Vendetti suggested that A. Langer and M. McGinn meet offline to address A. Langer's questions.

*Tax Collector (R. Mercier):* Collections are at \$376,000 out of \$379,000. More interest has been collected than was last year. There are 22 past due accounts. The Tax Sale is on June 20, 2019 after the Town Tax Sale, which begins at 2:00 pm.

*Land Trust (L. Mercier):* The next meeting is on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. G. Monaghan and L. Mercier will meet with Audobon shortly. M. Bellini discussed the Roger Williams University school project presentation, to be held on April 27 at 10:00 am. She cautioned that it is a set of ideas and the students did not look at the costs associated with those ideas.

*District Manager (L. DiBello):* Currently addressing the damaged recycling totes with Patriot Disposal.

### Old Business

#### *Microphones*

- A. Langer indicated that the microphones need to comply with ADA. She has a proposal for wireless microphones for \$5,650.00. An alternative, using the existing speakers, would cost approximately \$3,425.00. M. McGinn indicated that the decision regarding the microphone budget should be included in the budget discussion.

### New Business

#### *Dates for Budget Meetings*

- The public hearing on the BSFD budget will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 25.

#### *Nominating Committee*

- C. Mannix moved, seconded by A. Langer, to appoint D. Johnson and J. McClanaghan to serve as the council representatives on the Nominating Committee. The motion was approved, 3-0, with D. Johnson abstaining.

#### *Creation of Walkway Committee webpage linked to BSFD homepage;*

#### *Establish walkway Committee accounting practices, including fundraising and consultant payments*

- D. Johnson indicated that the walkway-related items that were rejected at last month's meeting were voted on as a package. He indicated that he wanted to separate the items out at this meeting. D. Johnson moved, seconded by A. Langer, to have a separate walkway webpage maintained by the Walkway Committee. The motion was approved, 3-1, with C. Mannix dissenting.
- D. Johnson then indicated that there was \$16,000.00 in pledges to the walkway project. He stated that there was no actual money in an account yet, but the \$16,000 represented pledges. M. McGinn stated that such an account would have to follow BSFD procedures

and would need a separate treasurer. D. Johnson moved, seconded by A. Langer, to make a separate account for the walkway. The motion was approved, 3-1, with C. Mannix dissenting.

- D. Johnson discussed the e-blast system and wanted access to that system. Discussion ensued, but no motion was made. M. Vendetti stated that no motion needed to be made.
- D. Johnson stated that the last item was to obtain a \$45,000 loan for the walkway project. M. Vendetti stated that this issue should be raised at the budget work sessions. Discussion ensued regarding the land trust allocation being voted down at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

As the conversation regarding the 2018 Annual Meeting deteriorated, C. Mannix announced he was leaving the meeting and departed. With only three remaining council members present, the meeting ended due to a lack of a quorum at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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