

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
7:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

Council Vice Chair Janice McClanaghan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for members of our armed forces. In attendance were council members Anita Langer, Christopher Mannix and Carol O'Donnell. Also in attendance were Tax Collector Kevin Koehler, Harbormaster Mike Tortolani and District Manager Lisa DiBello. Council members Michael Vendetti, Daniel Johnson and Marlene Bellini were absent. Treasurer Natalie McDonald was also absent.

J. McClanaghan read a thank-you note from Team Tammy to the Fire District.

Urgent Business

C. O'Donnell **moved**, seconded by C. Mannix, to approve the building plans for 23 Ottawa Trail, subject to state and town regulations. The motion was approved, 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

C. Mannix **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to approve the September 18, 2019 council monthly meeting minutes with instructions to change the spelling of Mr. Bonetti's name on p. 3. The motion was approved, 3-1, with A. Langer dissenting.

Committee Reports

Beach/Security (J. McClanaghan): The committee is currently looking at options for seaweed removal at Little Beach. It is also discussing the end of the ramp that accesses Little Beach.

Social (A. Langer): No monthly Potluck dinner or Cocktails on the Beach until January 2020. The BSFD Christmas Party will be at Spain Restaurant on Sunday, December 15th at 5:00 pm.

Harbor (M. Tortolani): The committee is working on changing the Harbormaster Ordinance and will bring its proposed changes to a future council meeting.

Roads/Public Works (C. Mannix): The next committee meeting was rescheduled from November 12, 2019 to November 21, 2019.

Tax Collector (K. Koehler): Collected \$4,000.00 during the last month, bringing the Fire District to a 94% collection rate. Now the focus of collection is on late payers.

Land Trust (G. Monaghan): The Land Trust met on November 19, 2019. The transfers of the former Audobon-owned properties are complete. The next meeting will be on January 27, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

District Manager (L. DiBello): The sewer project has been delayed until the completion of a soil erosion plan. The \$21,000.00 payment for the easement agreement has arrived. The BSFD Christmas Tree lighting is scheduled for November 29th, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Bob Barber checked the causeway on October 27, 2019 and reported that the water levels seem to be going down more quickly due to the dredge project. In response to an inquiry from the Fire District, the Interlocal Trust stated that the Fire District may allow a third party to use the community center parking lot.

Old Business

Update on E-Blast System

- Steve Ryder stated that there are 847 subscribers. Phase One of the project had about a 50% response rate. He stated that he will be showing L. DiBello and J. McClanaghan how to use the news system. He talked about ongoing issues with unsubscribing from the list and other technical issues he is sorting out. He thanked Nancy Cordy for her assistance. During this update, Steve Ryder introduced his replacement as webmaster, Joe Iannucci. Joe has done client server work in the past and moved here full-time in 2015. J. McClanaghan thanked Steve Ryder for volunteering his time in this role during the past several years.

New Business

Voting and Harbor/Mooring application regarding Trustee Ownership of Property in BSFD

- A. Langer explained that there was a person on the mooring waiting list who was not a property owner, but was a beneficiary of a trust that owned property. A. Langer stated that we need to establish rules for such situations. M. Tortolani and A. Langer stated the need to establish a rule regarding the mooring waiting list and trusts. J. McClanaghan asked if the Harbor Committee had a recommendation and if it had seen a copy of the trust. The council referred the issue to the Harbor Committee for a recommendation.

Public Comment

- Elayne Casey thanked everyone for using the microphones.
- Elayne Casey asked the council to not have the next BSFD Annual Meeting at the Bonnet Shores Beach Club because of weather concerns and an inability to hear speakers clearly at that venue.
- Nancy Cordy stated that Narragansett High School Auditorium was available for the 2018 BSFD Annual Meeting but the Fire District Council chose to have the Annual Meeting at the Bonnet Shores Beach Club. Clerk Matt Mannix stated that Nancy Cordy was incorrect because the Narragansett Fire Department had booked the auditorium for its awards and promotions ceremony on the same night as the 2018 BSFD Annual Meeting.

Adjournment:

C. Mannix **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ratified on December 18, 2019