

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

**MINUTES REGARDING LEGAL ACTION**

**CONFERENCE CALL**

**Wednesday April 1, 2020**

**5:00 PM**

Pursuant to Governor Raimondo's Emergency Declaration (Executive Order 2020-05) this meeting was conducted using telephone and/ or electronic communications. The public accessed the meeting via using a call in number and access code to be joined to the conference call meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the chair Michael Vendetti at 5pm. Mike performed a roll call to ensure there was a quorum. Present for the meeting were the Mike Vendetti, Chair, Janice McClanaghan, Vice Chair, Christopher Mannix, Marlene Bellini, Carol O'Donnell and Anita Langer. Dan Johnson did not participate.

At approximately 5:10 a motion was made by Chris Mannix and second by Carol O'Donnell to adjourn to a closed executive session "pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 42-46-5 (a) (2) pertaining to litigation Patterson, et als vs Bonnet Shores Fire District and appoint Janice McClanaghan as Clerk Pro Tem"

Upon the conclusion of the executive meeting, the council returned to the original call and a roll call was once again taken.

Mike explained that a motion was made during the meeting by Carol O'Donnell and seconded by Marlene Bellini to hire legal counsel.

The motion gave the "Chair and/or the Vice Chair the authority to retain Tom Dickinson to answer litigation. The cost was not to exceed \$4500 to answer the complaint and also the projection of future costs" .The attorney expected to accept being served. Mike called for a vote-

Mike Vendetti – yes

Janice McClanaghan –yes

Carol O'Donnell –yes

Anita Langer- abstained

Marlene Bellini-yes

Christopher Mannix –abstained

Motion passed 4 yes and 2 abstentions

Mike noted he would not be taking any questions. A motion was made by Marlene and seconded by Janice to seal the minutes of the executive session

Vote was 6-0 in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Chris and second by Carol. Motion passed 6-0