

**Bonnet Shores Fire District**  
**Bonnet Shores Community Center**  
**130 Bonnet Shores Road**  
**Narragansett, RI 02882**

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**Committee Report --- August 29, 2019 --- Roads Committee**

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**Attendees:** C. Mannix, J. McClanaghan, M. Bellini, G. Monaghan, L. DiBello, R. Mercier, A. Bellini, P. Mannix, C. Nicoletti, L. Healey.

**Introduction & Review of Last Meeting**

The meeting started at 7:00 pm and Chair Person C. Mannix indicated that the first agenda item was a review of the previous meeting. The committee confirmed that the five (5) areas of focus should to be the following:

1. Build up, brush, encroachments at intersections that block visibility (previously identified)
2. Speeding (previously identified)
3. Illegal parking (previously identified)
4. Possibility of a constable (previously identified)
5. R. Mercier indicated a desire to add overall traffic movement and conditions. The committee agreed.

**Review of Report from Town**

The committee then briefly reviewed the report from previous Narragansett Town Manager J. Manning regarding police and fire department actions for the years 2016, 2017, and 2018. The committee also confirmed that all roads that had been identified on the same report as roads that would be improved, have been improved in the past several months.

**Review of Existing Issues**

As the committee walked through existing issues, it was conveyed that BSFD constituents shall tell BSFD Manager L. Dibello about brush that needs to be cut back. Further, a reminder email was requested to be sent out regarding when the trash cans should be put out and brought back in/away. The committee would like to see another member of the Land Trust join the committee and attend the committee's meetings.

**Tasks and Goals of Committee & "Homework" Assignments**

The committee then focused on the idea of a constable. The following homework assignments were identified for the next committee meeting. A report from each member was thought to be preferable prior to the next committee meeting to allow the committee to prepare.

1. Angelo and Marlene Bellini said that they would research the training and qualification requirements for a constable, which apparently requires a police sponsor for shadowing hours.

2. Angelo and Marlene Bellini will also see if there are any Bonnet constituents that are interested in the position.
3. The committee decided that the position should be annual vs. seasonal. The idea is that the constable position can support Bonnet's ongoing private security, which is mainly focused on the busy summer beach season and weekend monitoring. This team does not have police authority and only brings items to the attention of the Narragansett Police. Only the Narragansett Police provide police services to the Bonnet Shores Fire District.
4. Louise Healey and Lisa DiBello agreed to research the specific ordinances in the charter that could be addressed and possibly enforced by a constable.
5. The team decided that a questionnaire about a constable was not necessary since there is consensus that more can be done to support the Narragansett Police in their safety protection.
6. Richard Mercier will run numbers regarding how best to pay for the constable. There is thought that there could be a rental fee of \$60 to \$100 per rental property based on the town's records.
7. Chris Mannix indicated that he will try to set up a meeting with the police to talk about what this would like.
8. Police positions in Narragansett are unionized and this may not be a fit for Bonnet. Duties that go beyond communication may conflict with police efforts and there is no desire to masquerade as part of the police. As a result, there is a conversation to be had about what is covered or protected by the union or would require union approval or dispensation. This area is not clear to the committee.
9. The committee, off the subject of constable, agreed that a conversation with DPW is warranted regarding the culverts. They need to be cleaned out again.

### **Public Comment**

- There was a very lively discussion of the neighborhood and possible ways to widen roads, redirect traffic in the busy summer months, and the installation of seasonal mesh sidewalks.
- There was consideration of making Colonel John Gardner Road and Camden Road one way only during the busy summer season.
- All traffic items would require significant support from the Town of Narragansett, and possibly CRMC.
- C. Nicolelli indicated that the fire district summer bus could have a new route that stops at Allagash and picks people up on their way to the beach. This would avoid pedestrian travel over the causeway section of Bonnet Point Road.
- G. Monaghan showed drawings of possible ways of road rebuild and reconfiguration and talked about cost of paving from D'ambra.

### **Adjournment**

The committee adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm and agreed to meet again October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the community center.