

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Monthly Meeting: Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2022

7:30 PM

Bonnet Shores Community Center: 130 Bonnet Shores Road Narragansett, RI 02882

Call To Order

Chair Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Council members in attendance included: Chair O'Donnell, Vice Chair Marleen Bellini, Carolyn DiLeo, Steve Danuszar, Bill DelGizzo, and Anthony DeAngelis. Additional present were Treasurer Laurie McCarthy, Tax Collector Michelle Travis, and Harbor Master Joe Bleczinski.

Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of silence

The Assembly recited the Pledge.

Urgent Business

Tear down and rebuild 162 Camden Road – no questions, Carolyn DiLeo made a motion to approve, motion passes unanimously.

Motion to go into Executive Session

Special meeting with legal counsel to discuss litigation matters.

This meeting may be closed pursuant to R.I. Gen. L. sec. 42-46-5(a)(2) (sessions pertaining to litigation.)

All non council member were asked to leave the building at this time.

Announcements: Procedure of Meeting

Chair O'Donnell outlined the meeting procedure. In order to preserve order and decorum, and to avoid interfering with the ability of spectators to see and hear, any other persons recording or photographing the meeting should do so from a designated area and may not move about the room during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

March 16, 2022 Minutes – Motion to approve made by Carolyn DiLeo, second by Bill DelGizzo, motion passes unanimously.

Treasurer: Updated Financial Report

Laurie McCarthy Reports: Fiscal year ends April 30, 2022. A budget for the upcoming year is a work in progress. Beach passes will be available for new homeowners and replacements in June. A one-year contract extension will be signed for trash services. No questions.

Tax Collector: Update - Collections

Michelle Travis reports: Update, collections have slowed, just one check this week, we are at around 98% of budget so far. The list of delinquent taxpayers was submitted to the BSFD Council, there are questions if the email address for the council members are working. We have about \$14,000 in outstanding delinquent tax for this year. There is a discussion about moving forward with a tax sale and contacting legal counsel.

Joe Thomas 39 What Cheer Road – asks about the topic of checking in people at the annual meeting via the tax list, and the issue of a truncated list.

Richard Mercier – Discussed creating the untruncated tax list, and also various aspects of the tax sale process.

Land Trust – There was no report. Bill DelGizzo shared there is an upcoming meeting on Monday April 25, 2022, and various upcoming topics.

Harbor Master

Joe Bleczynski shared his report. Topics included:

- a. Update on vacant moorings – there is one vacant mooring, Karen Sanderson of 135 Col John Gardner Rd is the next on the list.
- b. The three boats taken from Camden landing have been unclaimed so far. A person has inquired about purchasing one of these boats. There is a discussion on how to handle abandoned boats. Robert Patterson asks about using a sticker program for boats at Camden landing as is used at Little Beach. All boats left at Camden Landing need to be registered with the BSFD and secured.
- c. Kayak racks are \$980 each plus shipping – there is a discussion about funding for the racks. Steven asks a question about if the racks would be an obstruction of the harbor view. Joe Thomas discusses as well. There is a discussion to install a kayak rack at Camden Landing.
- d. Will be calling Stedman plumbing to install water meters at Kelly Beach and at the harbor. Water line work at harbor to be done. Dock to go in either this weekend or next.
- e. Carol mentions there are topics related to the harbor to discuss, there is a discussion that these topics should be put on the agenda for next months meeting to include comments. Joe Thomas discusses concerns about new harbor regulations.

Old Business

- A. Camp will be held summer of 2022 – 2 lifeguards interested in returning so far.
- B. Suez Water Mains – Repairs will begin in the spring of Col. John Gardner Blvd, Suez has been sold.
- C. Road Ownership – gathering existing documents, work in progress.

New Business

- A. Community Center and district upgrades
- B. We are receiving a \$1,500.00 grant from the state toward our playground
- C. Recap of ByLaws meeting – Ordinances have been under review, with the purpose of safety and security of the community, and liability of the district. All ten have been reviewed.
- D. Ordinance Review - The following suggestions are being made by the committee to the council:
 1. Building regulations - repeal entirely, Motion is made by Carolyn DiLeo, seconded by Carol O'Donnel seconded, motion passes unanimously.
 2. Parking – Pass as changed, to aide by town regulations, Motion is made by Anthony DeAngelis, seconded by Bill DelGizzo, motion passed unanimously.
 3. Speeding – Repeal entirely, speeding is enforced by the town and unenforceable by the district, Motion is made by Carol O'Donnell, seconded by Steve Danuszar, motion passed unanimously.
 4. Not discussed
 5. Littering – Repeal – Defined by the town already. Motion is made by Carolyn DiLeo, seconded by Carol O'Donnell, motion passed unanimously.
 6. Trash – Update - Trash left by extended periods of time, the committee recommends 2 violation letters followed by a fine of \$50.00 to the occupants of the house. There is a discussion regarding how to enforce this suggestion. The topic is tabled.
 7. Dogs – Committee suggests dogs must be leashed outside of the home and property, and waste must be picked up by owners/ dog walkers. There is a discussion about the similarities with existing town ordinances. There is discussion of the idea to discuss the topic of dogs on the beach in July at a committee meeting. Faith LaSalle comments that the trash fine could be added to the tax bill at the end of the year; she feels the district ordinance regarding dogs needs to reflect the town's ordinance; Robert Patterson comments that the proposed trash fine may be replaced by confiscating trash bins in violation. Mark Michelson comments that dog owners were looking to carve out specific times during peak season to allow dogs, Carol comments that is may interfere with beach grooming provided by the beach club. Bill DelGizzo makes a motion to adopt the motion as is, motion is seconded by Carol O'Donnell, motion passed unanimously.

Final – Abandoned vehicles & watercraft – there is a suggestion to better inform the public of the existing ordinance.

Public Comment

Identify yourself with address, each person will have three minutes to speak, one time.

A woman in the audience speaks but her name is undiscernible from the audio – Commenting on litter from trash bins left out.

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Caldwell
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk