

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

BSFD Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Rd
Narragansett, RI 02882

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2014

Call to Order: Chair Lenny Mercier called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Council Members in attendance included: Janice McClanaghan, Paul Farley, John Pariseault, Matt Mannix, and Terry Fracassa. (via phone), Tax Collector Helen Patience, Treasurer Mary McGinn, District Manager Erin Rooney, Harbormaster Mike Tortolani, and Clerk Carole Duffy were also in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Assembly recited the Pledge and observed a moment of silence for the men and women in the Armed Forces.

Urgent Business: None

Ratification of Minutes: M.Mannix moved to accept the March, 2014 minutes; 2nd P.Farley. **Discussion:** none.
Motion passed 3-0 by those who were in attendance in March.

Committee Reports:

- Finance, Sanitation, and Pond:** no report
- Traffic:** J. Pariseault stated that no design for traffic calming has been implemented
- Social & Harbor:** no report
- Beach & Security:** see J.McClanaghan's attached report and Larry Marcello reconstructed bulletin board at Little Beach; asked E.Rooney to send thank you note.
- By Laws, Ordinances & Bonnet Days:** no report
- Pond & Development:** T. Fracassa has composed a letter to BSBC about sewer line which the Chair will review and send

Treasurer's Report: M.McGinn reported that finances are in good shape year to date. Budget hearing dates: Operations- 4/24/14; Capital- 4/22/14; Public - ?.

Tax Collector's Report: See attached report and H.Patience reported that 98% of taxes have been collected; \$2600 from prior years are outstanding

Land Trust: no report

District Manager's Report: new chairs for CC; Blood Drive...July 24th, Bonnet Days...July 12th, Yard sale ???; Brd of Canvassers (Sept/Nov); rental of CC going well; Diabetes Fund Raiser on May 17th; July 17th rental of CC with music (refer to police if an issue for neighbors); Earth Day ... April 26th

Old Business:

- Roads & breach way:** M.Mannix will put something together for May 5th Narragansett Town Council meeting addressing the issue of non repair of Col. John Gardner Rd. at Little Beach which has already been approved but not done. Clerk's note: this damage of the road goes back to Storm Irene ... 3yrs ago.
- Bonnet "garden spots" :** so far no takers
- Volunteers for Newsletter ad recruitment:** none so far; Erin will have to help Steve Ryder

New Business:

- Earth day volunteers** see earlier
- Annual meeting:** last Thursday of June the 26th to be held in District at CC
- Nominating Committee:** Council members: John Pariseault and Matt Mannix....Steve McCooley will chair.

Period of Public Comment:

*Newsletter is issued twice a year

* Gertrude Pokony, a resident on Allagash Rd., shared her experience with the fragmitee fire earlier in the month... very scary. The fire almost reached her deck. At this point, Terry Fracassa joined the conversation and said that the Council has to advocate for an aggressive action in the maintenance of the fragmitee for safety reasons. Chair Mercier asked Ms Pokony to write her experience on paper for the Council. (She agreed). Resident, Paul Haas, who was walking in the vicinity, said the fragmitee was actually exploding.

Adjournment: There being neither further comment nor District business, the Chair called for an adjournment motion. **Motion:** P. Farley moved to adjourn the meeting; 2nd J.McClanaghan. **Discussion:** none. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 8:20PM

Council meeting's minutes are available on tape in the District Manager's office

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Duffy

Carole Duffy, Clerk

Minutes ratified by the Council on

May 21, 2014

To: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

From: Janice McClanaghan
Chair –Beach Committee and Security Committee

Date: April 16, 2014

Subject: Beach/ Security Committee Report

1. **Security:** As mentioned in the January report- I extended the security detail thru April. I am looking for guidance as to what to do for May? Also confirmed rates for summer guard for both beach and night.
2. **Beaches :** Erin and I discussed the costs associated with the guards for the summer. Contacted the beach Club to inquiry about costs for trash and maintenance for 2014 for budget purposes. Also contacted the bus company to obtain their costs for the summer season. .
3. **Fire Alarm:** D and D Electric tested the fire alarms today.
4. **Bushes:** Worked with Erin and town regarding bushes at 146 Treasure where 2 accidents have occurred due to blind spot. Bushes have been cut.
5. **Branch Road:** Spoke to Erin about the bottom of Branch road- The mailboxes there have been knocked down 3 times due to skidding by the trash trucks and snow plow. Residents had to wear boots to get mail and people had to be towed out of mud. She was going to talk to town.

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MONTHLY MEETING
April 16, 2014

FY 2014:

Total Assessment:	\$492,435,200.00
Less Tax Exempt:	-\$5,426,700.00
Taxable Assessment:	\$487,008,500.00
Collectable Taxes:	\$256,215.17
Taxes Collected	$\$251,357.43 + 348.33 = 251,705.76$
Percentage of Taxes Collected	98.10%
Prior Years Taxes Uncollected:	$\$2,755.25 - 139.88 = 2615.37$
Interest Collected	\$1,448.67