

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council
Bonnet Shores Fire District Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island
Monthly Meeting
May 21, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Call to order

Council Chair Lenny Mercier called the Council meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Those in attendance included Council Members: Janice McClanaghan, Matt Mannix, Paul Farley, and Terry Fracassa. District Manager Erin Rooney and Clerk Carole Duffy were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance along with observing a moment of silence for the men and women serving in the Armed Forces.

Urgent Business: None

Ratification of April, 2014 Minutes:

Motion: J. McClanaghan made a motion to accept the April minutes; 2nd by T.Fracassa. **Discussion:** none. **Motion** passed by those in attendance in April; 4-0

Committee Reports

- a) **Beautification Committee Report:** no report
- b) **Beach and Security Committee Reports:** see Janice McClanaghan's attached report.
- c) **Public Works Committee Report:** none
- d) **Social Committee Report:** none
- e) **Pond Committee Report:** T. Fracassa reported about an informal discussion with CRMC about the fragmtee fire in the ponds. He emphasized that this is definitely a safety issue. M.Mannix said that he would discuss the fire issue with the Narragansett Fire Chief.
- f) **Harbor Committee Report:** Chair Mercier reported that the dock was in place and the water was on. 4 eco moorings to be installed this year.
- g) **By-Laws/ Ordinances / Bonnet Days / Memorial Bench Committee Report:** M.Mannix announced the date for Bonnet Days (July 12th)
- h) **Sanitation and Financial Committee Report:** none

Tax Collector's Report: none

Treasurer's Report: none

Land Trust Report: none

District Manager's Report: E. Rooney gave the following report: CC rentals great; lifeguards all set; suggested a new sign is warranted for posting of hours for CC parking ; "open burning" requires a permit; bulky trash July 23rd; Tag Sale (July 19th)

Old Business:

1. M. Mannix shared a letter which he wrote to the Narragansett Town Council about the District's concern over the ongoing disrepair of Col. John Gardner Rd at Little Beach (see attached)

New Business:

1. P.Farley moved to recreate the 2013 agenda for the Annual Meeting to be held on June 26, 2014; 2nd J.McClanaghan. Discussion: none. **Motion** passed 5-0.
2. P.Farley raised the issue of CC rental policies pertaining to the sale of alcohol and outside "live entertainment". He and E.Rooney will create a plan and formulate a policy to share with the Council.
3. T. Fracassa wants to "get a handle" on the right of ways in Bonnet. He specifically mentioned the one that was destroyed by Super Storm Sandy adjacent to Kelly Beach. P.Farley added that he had spoken to FEMA about that spot after the storm as the concrete retaining wall was destroyed. M.Mannix weighed in by saying that the "right of way" should not be abandoned but rather not publicized

Period of Public Comment

1. M. Caraccia gave notice of an upcoming meeting in Narragansett about vacation rentals. M.Mannix will be there and also resident, Paul Haas.
2. M. Caraccia, also, urged the Council to thoroughly research dredging of the ponds as there will be an impact on surrounding properties.
3. P.Haas asked for a job description for the District Manager citing his feeling that it was improper for her to be doing "grunt work" like removing sand from the Kelly Beach boardwalk. Chair Mercier will pursue this.
4. Chair Mercier praised resident, Larry Marcello, for all of his unsung volunteer work in the District
5. Beach bus : Sat. & Sun. 1-5 pm ...it will be posted with routes

Meeting minutes will be available on tape in the District manager's office

Adjournment

There being no further public comments or district business, P.Farley moved to close the meeting, 2nd J.McClanaghan. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted, *Carole Duffy* Clerk: Carole Duffy

Ratified *July 16, 2014*

**Bonnet Shores Fire District Council
130 Bonnet Shores Rd
Narragansett, RI 02882**

**Organizational Meeting
July 5, 2014
Minutes**

Call to Order: Chair Mercier called the meeting to order at 8 AM. Council members present included: Paul Farley, Janice McClanaghan, Matt Mannix, John Pariseault, Terry Fracassa, and Bill DelGizzo. Treasurer, Mary McGinn was also present as was Clerk Carole Duffy

At this point L. Mercier turned the meeting over to the Clerk who called for nominations of Chair and Vice Chair. B. Delgizzo nominated J. McClanaghan; 2nd by M. Mannix but she declined. P. Farley then nominated L. Mercier; 2nd by J. McClanaghan and the Clerk cast one vote for the assembly. M. Mannix nominated P. Farley as Vice Chair; 2nd by J. McClanaghan and again one vote was cast for the assembly.

The Committee List will be available at the regular July Council meeting.

New Business :

1. A group of residents on Camden Rd. appealed to the Council to be allowed to remove a dead tree and trim branches on another tree on a "paper road." adjacent to their properties. J. McClanaghan volunteered to accompany Valerie and Bob Varone to CRMC to fill out the permission form needed to cut down the tree. P. Farley made a **motion** to allow the residents to cut down the tree and he added that this action does not constitute any intent on the part of the residents to claim the "paper road" property; 2nd J. McClanaghan. **Motion** passed 7-0.
2. A discussion ensued about perhaps asking for a 4 hr police detail @ \$60 per hr in Bonnet to address illegal parking, unregistered mopeds, and unregistered golf carts. Monies would come from Security Budget. M. Mannix will look into availability of CSOs (Community Service Officers).

There being no further business, Chair Mercier called for an adjournment motion. P. Farley **moved** to adjourn the meeting; 2nd J. McClanaghan...all in favor. The meeting ended at 9:35 AM

Respectfully submitted: _____

Carole Duffy, Clerk

Ratified _____

Carole Duffy
July 16, 2014

To: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

From: Janice McClanaghan
Chair –Beach Committee and Security Committee

Date: May 21, 2014

Subject: Beach/ Security Committee Report

1. **Security:** Guards were on thru the month of May- although there were some parties, there was no damage to any properties and the guard was able to work with police to control any issues. There was a rumor of a potential block party, so we increased guards for that weekend.
2. **Beaches :** The beaches will open on the weekend before July 4th which is June 28th. The bus will also start that weekend along with guard on weekend nights and beach guard on weekend days. The beach club will start cleaning our beach on Memorial day weekend. Lifeguard chair needs to be moved to Little Beach for that date.
3. **National Grid:** Received a call from consultant from National Grid regarding our satisfaction with lighting project.

**TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

CC: _____
Amend No. _____

Date Prepared: May 5, 2014
Council Meeting Date: May 19, 2014

TO: Honorable Town Council
FROM: Matthew M. Mannix, Council Member
SUBJECT: Repairs to Colonel John Gardner Road

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Town Council instruct Town Staff to perform much-needed repairs to Colonel John Gardner Road immediately, whether via the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, via the FEMA reimbursement process or via Town funds.

SUMMARY:

Colonel John Gardner Road in the Bonnet Shores section of Narragansett was significantly damaged during Hurricane Sandy in 2012. That damage exacerbated damage that the road had sustained during Hurricane Irene in 2011. While most of Colonel John Gardner Road's damages were eligible for state-funded repairs, the portion of the road running from Bonnet Shores Road to Onondegia Road was not. The damage has turned this portion of a two-lane road into a one-lane road.

At the July 1, 2013 Town Council meeting, the Town Council unanimously voted to authorize the use of the Miscellaneous Construction Services Contract with George Sherman Sand & Gravel, Inc. to perform these much-needed repairs to Colonel John Gardner Road. The repair work was not to exceed \$49,850.00 and 75% of that amount was eligible for reimbursement under FEMA regulations. The work should have begun shortly thereafter, especially since people in that neighborhood had waited patiently for the repair work to take place since Hurricane Sandy.

Despite the council's July 1, 2013 approval of the repair work, the same repair work appeared on the agenda of the August 5, 2013 Town Council meeting as part of the town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for Disaster Relief. After a public hearing on the topic, the council voted to include this repair work as part of the \$86,144 application for the 2013 CDBG program.

The damage to the road has remained unfixed and unrepaired despite a wait of nine months since the August 5, 2013 meeting. The decreased safety associated with the reduction of this part of the road from a two-lane road to a one-lane road needs to be rectified. This wait for repairs has dragged on too long, especially since Hurricane

Sandy took place over 18 months ago. The purpose of this agenda item is to ensure that this repair work begins immediately and is completed before the 2014 summer season gets into full swing.