

# **Monthly Meeting: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council**

**Place: Bonnet Shores Community Center**

**Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 – 7:30 PM**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Urgent Business

Approval of Minutes

## Reports:

-Committees or areas that may have reports.

- ✓ Beach Committee
- Social & Beautification Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Development & Ordinance Committee
- Harbor Committee
- Historical Committee
- ✓ Pond Committee
- Public Works, Facilities, Traffic & Benches
- Recreation Committee
- ✓ Trash & Recycling
- ✓ Security Committee

-Treasurer

-Tax Collector

-Land Trust

-District Manager Report

## Old Business

Report on Beach Club Sewer Project

Next steps following Beach Club presentation

Sewer Line Project Committee progress.

Storage closets for Community Center

Speed Radar Unit

## New Business

Narragansett Marathon on 10/11 – Planned to run through Bonnet.

Website Content and Past Information.

Legal Council

Clerk and Open Meeting's Reporting

Land Trust and District rights in connection with causeway and funds for services.

## Period of Public Comment

## Adjournment

# **BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT**

BSFD Community Center  
130 Bonnet Shores Rd  
Narragansett, RI 02882

## **Meeting Minutes**

September 16, 2015

**Call to Order:** Chair Lenny Mercier called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Council Members in attendance included: Janice McClanaghan, Paul Farley, John Pariseault, Mike Vendetti, and Terry Fracassa. Treasurer Mary McGinn, District Manager Lisa DiBello, 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:** Resident, Pat Mannix addressed the group reflecting on the discourteous behaviors at the last Council meeting.

**Ratification of Minutes:** M. Vendetti **moved** to accept the September 2, 2015 minutes with revisions; 2<sup>nd</sup> J.Pariseault. **Discussion:** none.

**Motion** passed 4-0 with abstentions from T. Fracassa and P.Farley (absent)

### **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Sanitation:** no report
- b) **Traffic:** see Old Business
- c) **Social & Harbor:** Chair Mercier reported that there will be a Holiday Social on 12/5/15 at the Quonset O Club . Harbor: 5 boats were vandalized and police were notified. One dingy is missing. 11 moorings were turned over this season.
- d) **Beach & Security:** see J. McClanaghan's attached report
- e) **By Laws:** T.Fracassa asked if the Council Meeting was posted electronically?
- f) **Pond :** No report
- g) **Historical :** M. Vendetti stated that there would be an organizational meeting @ 10:30 on 9/26/15

**Treasurer's Report:** See attached report. M.McGinn noted that finances are in good shape and that she would be consulting Natalie McDonald about the potential impact of the residents' law suit against the Town of Narragansett on our tax revenue.

**Tax Collector's Report:** no report

**Land Trust:** Chair Terry Duffy reported that there had been two meetings so far. Brad Sellon will serve as Co-Chair. There have been three contacts about land acquisition. An attorney will attend the next meeting to discuss conveyance and deeding of paper roads to create recreational opportunities. Another focus of the LT this year will be on long term planning to enhance the community

**District Manager's Report:** see attached report

### **Old Business:**

- "Next Step". T. Fracassa outlined the priorities of the BSBC sewer project committee and shared a draft letter that will be sent to John Coletti, Pres. BSBC with the consent of the Council. **See attached draft letter.** Chair Mercier added that he had wanted to be part of the committee along with Lisa DiBello, but they were not apprised of the date or time. To resolve some of the confusion about committee meeting postings, J.Pariseault recommended that all committee meetings should be posted. J.McClanaghan commended the work of the committee and added that many of the concerns raised at the 9/2/15 meeting were incorporated in the draft letter. P. Farley also thanked the committee for their work, but suggested that the letter to BSBC should come from the Council and he urged the committee to fine tune their requests of the BSBC. T.Fracassa agreed that the committee had to do their due diligence and then make recommendations to the Council for consideration. P. Farley added that he thought the "letter" was too early in the process. T.Fracassa responded by saying that the "letter's" purpose was to open dialogue in order to obtain more details about the project from the

- Resident Michelle Caraccia of Lake Road expressed her concern about the ponds' ecosystem and the negative impact of not leaving the breach way open and, in addition, the potential detrimental impact of the sewer line. J. McClanaghan added that the sand bar is the issue created by Super Storm Sandy and hopefully the new CRMC assent will allow us to remove the sand annually. T. Fracassa said that we have a "failed causeway" and we have to protect our environment.

**Adjournment:** There being neither further comment nor District business, the Chair called for an adjournment motion. **Motion:** P. Farley **moved** to adjourn the meeting; 2<sup>nd</sup> M Vendetti. **Discussion: none.** Passed; 5-0 with 1 abstention and the meeting ended at 9:30PM

*Council meeting's minutes are available on the website once ratified.*

Respectfully submitted, *Carole Duffy*

Carole Duffy, Clerk

Minutes ratified by the Council on

*Oct. 21, 2015*

**To: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council**

**From: Janice McClanaghan**  
**Chair –Beach Committee and Security Committee**

**Date: September 16, 2015**

**Subject: Beach/ Security Committee Report**

1. **Beaches**: Now that the beaches are closed, the chair at Little Beach needs to be stored, signs removed at breachway and Kelly beach and at the fork.
2. **Breachway**: Working on application for CRMC to obtain a 10 yr one time each year assent to dig into the pond 300 ft as was done a few years ago. Awaiting a call back from CRMC regarding some questions, I have in process.
3. **Security Detail**: Night security continues with special attention to Little Beach, since there was a party down there and some boats vandalized.
4. **Emergency Contacts**: We added about 210 new addresses to our contact list which is now over 700 entries. From our mailing, we received about 200 forms updating current info, 100 forms from beach club members, 210 new addresses totaling in excess of 500 forms. We are now sending over 600 emails to approximately 520 residences. There are some 30 residents that still remain emergency only and also about 30 undeliverables. Again, I thank Steve for his hard work in compiling this information.
5. **Rental Registration**: Michelle Caraccia is sending the new rental forms out for registration. Included in that packet is the rental letter, form and pertinent ordinances for trash, dogs, parking, and a copy of a memo from Chief Hoxie on enforcement. Hopefully this will set the tone for the year.

September 16, 2015

#### Social Committee Report

The Holiday Gathering is set for Saturday Night, December 5<sup>th</sup>. It will be held at the Quonsett O Club. Signups will begin the beginning of November and will be posted on the website and included in an email blast.

#### Harbor Report

5 boats were vandalized this week. Some articles were found in the water. Harbormaster Mike notified the Narragansett Police, DEM and asked Janice to have our security guard keep an eye on the boats. Spot light is not working and he left a message for Lisa to look into that. A dingy was also taken on the rocks which Mike does not know if it was related to the other vandalism. 11 moorings were turned over this summer.

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**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
130 Bonnet Shores Road  
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882  
Phone (401) 789-4540

September 17, 2015

*Via Regular Mail and Email Transfer*

Mr. John Coletti, President  
Bonnet Shores Beach Club Condominium Association  
175 Bonnet Point Road  
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

Dear John:

It was good to see and speak with you several weeks ago at the Community Center in connection with the presentation by the Bonnet Shores Beach Club (the "Beach Club") of the sewer line project. As discussed, I am following up with you on this important and sensitive matter understanding that the Beach Club and Bonnet Shores Fire District ("District") residents are neighbors in this very unique community which, over the past fifteen years, has grown considerably and faces many challenges including but not limited to those with respect to the environment, safety and infrastructure.

Recently, the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council empaneled a committee, on which I serve as chair, to assist the Council and District in best understanding, assessing and addressing the various matters and issues that exist now, and which may arise in the future, relating to the Beach Club's efforts to connect to Narragansett's Wastewater Treatment System. At our inaugural meeting earlier this week, committee members expressed both support for a project aimed at improving water quality at the beach, and concerns that would likely be shared by all District residents and Beach Club members alike. At the end of the day, we are all dealing with one continuous beach, one continuous body of water, one common causeway and one densely populated area – all of which are beautiful and fragile at the same time.

As such, and now that a general project presentation has been made, we would like to meet with you, at our mutual convenience, to explore opportunities for collaboration, to discuss possible synergies and to generally evaluate ways in which this project can provide the greatest benefits possible to all concerned. Our interests in the matter, which we believe are shared interests, include but are not limited to the following (in no particular order of importance or priority):

- Review by the District of the Beach Club's plans, together with a full understanding of the engineering, environmental, insurance and risk-related matters involved;
- The safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists who navigate the causeway over which the sewer line will run;
- That any installation of a wastewater line be environmentally and structurally sound, and that such a project improve water quality and reduce risks as much as possible;

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- The need to protect and support the sensitive ecosystem encompassed by the beach and the Wesquage watershed, and the desire of Beach Club members and District residents alike to enjoy a cleaner and healthier environment;
- Understand opportunities for project cost containment, and, in our case, the potential for any secondary or tertiary costs that may eventually be borne by the District; and
- Proposed timeframes attached to the project.

In the interest of expediting our review, and before we meet, could you please provide all engineering plans and documents related to the proposal including, but not limited to, applications, permits, filings, plans, contracts, agreements, understandings and contacts relating to the Town of Narragansett, CRMC, DEM and other relevant authorities and/or governmental agencies involved?

Although our interests and requests expressed in this letter are not exhaustive, I hope that this will serve as a starting point for a productive dialogue with you and the Beach Club team directly charged with seeing this project through to completion.

I appreciate your attention to this matter, and very much look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Terence M. Fracassa  
Chair - Bonnet Shores Fire District Sewer Committee

Cc: Bonnet Shores Fire District Councilors  
Lisa DiBello, District Manager, Bonnet Shores Fire District

Valuations of the 79 Properties Involved in the Colonel John Gardner Suit

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| 2015 Assessments: | \$ 93,818,400     |
| 2014 Assessments: | <u>77,009,400</u> |
| Difference        | \$ 16,809,000     |