

**Bonnet Shores Fire District Council  
Meeting  
130 Bonnet Shores Rd  
Narragansett, RI 02882  
July 20, 2016**

**Organizational Meeting**

**Call to Order:** Clerk, Carole Duffy, called the meeting to order at 7PM.

**Attendance:** Lenny Mercier, Janice McClanaghan, Mike Vendetti, and Natalie McDonald

M. Vendetti **moved** to nominate L. Mercier for Chair; 2nd J. McClanaghan. J McClanaghan followed by a nomination for Vice Chair, M.Vendetti; 2<sup>nd</sup> McDonald. One vote was cast for each position and the decision was unanimous by those in attendance when the vote was taken. 4-0. B. DelGizzo joined the meeting after the Organizational portion.

Committees were formed and Chair Mercier will forward the list.

J.McClanaghan **moved** to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> M Vendetti. **Motion** passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Clerk, Carole Duffy

Ratified on

*Carole Duffy*  
*Aug. 17, 2016*

## **BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT**

BSFD Community Center  
130 Bonnet Shores Rd  
Narragansett, RI 02882

### **Meeting Minutes**

July 20, 2016

**Call to Order:** Chair Lenny Mercier called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Council Members in attendance included: Janice McClanaghan, Bill DelGizzo, Mike Vendetti, and Natalie McDonald. Treasurer Mary McGinn, District Manager Lisa DiBello, 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:** J. McClanaghan **moved** to accept the May 18, 2016 minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Vendetti. **Discussion:** none.

**Motion** passed 4-0 by those who were in attendance in May

J. McClanaghan **moved** to accept the June 1, 2016 minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Vendetti. **Motion** passed 4-0 by those who were in attendance at the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

M. Vendetti **moved** to accept the June 22, 2016 minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> J. McClanaghan. **Motion** passed 4-0 by those who were present on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Chair Mercier welcomed N. McDonald back to the Council.

### **Committee Reports:**

- a) **Finance, Sanitation, and Pond:** no report
- b) **Traffic:** no report
- c) **Social & Harbor:** Chair Mercier reported that there was a leak in the system at Little Beach; a plumber has been called
- d) **Beach, Bonnet Days & Security:** see report. J. McClanaghan also reported: 11 truckloads of seaweed were removed from Little Beach during the first cleanup depleting the \$3000 allocated for the work. Since then an anonymous resident has agreed to pay the overage and to also pay for the 2 subsequent cleanups. J. McClanaghan initially made a motion to accept this donation, but it was N. McDonald who reworded the motion. She **moved** to allow the Land Trust at their discretion to pay for the overage and subsequent two cleanings to the extent that the Land Trust has the available funds ; 2<sup>nd</sup> B. DelGizzo. **Discussion:** Treasurer McGinn asked for the particulars. Terry Duffy, LT Chair, explained that the donor will draft a letter citing the terms of the donation. The money will then be deposited into the (large) LT account and the cleaning payments will be drawn from that account. **Motion** passed 5-0.
- e) **By Laws, Ordinances:** no report
- f) **Pond & Development:** no report
- g) **Historical:** no report

A couple of issues were raised before the committee reports... B.DelGizzo wanted to clarify that since we have definitely been called a quasi-municipality, he wants the Council to adhere to the Open Meetings Law in that meetings' agenda and ratified minutes will be sent to the Sec. of State monthly. Furthermore, a resident inquired about audits of the "books". N. McDonald responded that all that was required was an independent financial review not a full blown audit.

**Trash:** a discussion ensued following J. McClanaghan's report about trash barrels. Six residents spoke about personal trash barrel issues pertaining to the ordinance for placing and removing barrels at the road side in a timely way. Stickers were placed on some barrels if they were left at the road too long or placed too early. M.Vendetti suggested an e-mail blast to reiterate the policy. B. DelGizzo asked L.DiBello to obtain Town of Narragansett ordinance so that we would have more info by the next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** see attached report. M McGinn added that the tax bills were out and that May 1 is the end of the fiscal year

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

**Land Trust:** Terry Duffy reported that at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; he had been reelected as Chair and Brad Sellon, Vice Chair. Long range planning will top their annual goals. He commended Nancy Cordy, LT trustee, with reaching more than 200 households through an e-blast to request signatures for a continuation of a request for TIPP monies (\$800,000)to refurbish the causeway

**District Manager's Report :** see attached report and L.DiBello added that lifeguard Nick Mongeau responded to the small plane crash off of Kelly Beach in a commendable way. The Council will recommend a citation from Rep. Carol McEntee. The Ocean State Waves, a baseball team, brought 26 volunteers to clean up the district and eventually filled 8 trash bags. Lisa was asked about golf carts on the roads and she reiterated that an individual should notify the police.

**Old Business:**

- Easement; Chair Mercier said that both the Cooperative Agreement and the easement agreement had been signed. The next step for the BSBC is to seek permits from the various agencies. Agreed upon payments to the BSFD will be received 10 days after permits have been granted. DiPrete Engineering will be conducting the engineering peer review.
- TIPP; T. Duffy stated that there is a scheduled meeting with Peter Alviti, RI Dept. of Public Transportation, to continue the petition for funds for the causeway reconstruction to the tune of \$800,000. Those planning to attend the meeting will be: Mike DeLuca, Town Planner, Rep. Carol McEntee, Chair Mercier, Lloyd Albert, and Terry Duffy. Rep. McEntee thanked the Council for signing the easement agreement and that it will take the Town, the District, and the State to work together to get the causeway reconstructed.
- T. Duffy continued by reminding the Council that Trustee, Dave Stenmark, was continuing to explore ways to construct a pedestrian walkway parallel to the causeway.