

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council
Bonnet Shores Fire District Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island

Monthly Meeting
March 16, 2016

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

Chairperson Lenny Mercier called the Council meeting to order at 7:35 pm. Those in attendance included Council Members: Mike Vendetti, Terry Fracassa, Paul Farley, John Pariseault, District Manager Lisa DiBello, Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector Helen Patience, and Clerk Carole Duffy were also present. Janice McClanaghan was participating by phone.

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 January, 2016 Minutes:

Motion: P. Farley moved to approve M. Vendetti 2nd; Passed 4-0

Committee Reports:

- a) **Pond Committees** – later in meeting
- b) **Beach and Security Committees-** J. McClanahan reported on the following items: checking with BSBC for cost of cleaning Kelly Beach; possibility that a different bus provider will be needed; and security guard fees will remain the same
- c) **Bylaw, Ordinances, Benches, and Bonnet Days Committees:** no report
- d) **Harbor & Social Committees-** see New Business
- e) **Trash :** later in meeting
- f) **Public works, Facilities, Traffic-** no report
- g) **Historical :** no report

Treasurer's Report: See M.McGinn's report and she reported that the figures are through March 16th. She needs budget requests before the Mar. 30 budget workshop (7pm)

Tax Collector's Report: see H. Patience report and she added that 98% of taxes have been collected and that next round of delinquent notices will be mailed next week.

Land Trust Report: LT Chair, Terry Duffy , reported on the following items: LT monthly meeting was held on 3/3/16; a final draft of the application for community outreach assistance was discussed before sending it to RWU; waiting to hear about the TIP awards; sewer

easement: Trustees were brought up to date about such discussions and the LT Charter was studied to get direction for use of BSFD property; sentiment within LT is not in favor of the easement granting because the group has received no updated information

District Manager's Report: see L. DiBello's report from Feb. and she added these comments: will meet w/ Narragansett. Town Manager; continuing to work with B.DelGizzo on a computer network plan ; police are currently monitoring our traffic as we are in a priority status for speeding study; and summer employment opportunities are at the ready

Old Business:

- 1) BSFD Sewer Line Committee report: T. Fracassa, chair of the committee, outlined the findings of the committee (see attached report). Following the presentation of findings and recommendations, Chair Mercier called for a motion. M.Vendetti made a motion 2nd by P. Farley. This initial, ~~incomplete~~ motion included the words "grant an easement subject to legal review" and a lengthy discussion ensued. T. Fracassa mentioned that BSBC has spent 7 yrs. and \$500,000 on the project and it was proposed to the Council 45 days ago. Furthermore, the Council has spent no money for legal or engineering advice. Language in this motion should include recommendations from the Sewer Line committee. P. Farley's comments were as such: all taxpayers need to be treated fairly; Town Engineer stated in a preliminary letter that the plan looks good; BSBC asked the Council not the LT for easement; plan needs to move forward to be vetted by the proper agencies. J.Pariseault recused himself from discussion while adding that he believed an attorney and an engineer should be hired by the District. It is customary practice to forward these costs to the petitioning party. T. Fracassa joined in stating that the District would be the applicants for CRMC permission. T.Duffy then cited the LT Charter, which was framed by a BSFD Council, which states that any disposal of land or interest requires a 5/7 Council vote, a 4/5 LT vote, and a 2/3 vote of the residents. A Council vote tonight to grant an easement with 4 voting, 2 absent, and 1 recusal would be precedent setting possibly occurring over and over. Resident, A. Lupino wondered how the Council could vote on an incomplete document. Resident, B.Feeley explained that she did not like a decision like this to be made when so many residents were not in attendance and she was also concerned about the concept of a "seasonal sewer". Resident, L. Marcello added that he had written to the Council in 2014 citing his concern about "conflict of interest" on the Council in this matter. "Giving" them an easement is wrong. Trustee, D. Stenmark, reiterated the various votes required for conveying land or interest. Resident/BSBC rep., Carol O'Donnell clarified that a meeting in 2013 with Narragansett was simply to inquire whether or not there was the capacity in the pumping station for BSBC waste. She assured everyone that

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at the end of the summer season, the sewer line would be completely drained. T. Fracassa added his concern that this proposal is about conveying public land for private purposes. He continued by saying that an easement is a contract and at this point we don't even know what we are voting on and then there are the SL Committee's recommendations. At this juncture, Chair Mercier and M.Vendetti attempted to reword the initial motion. Then discussion ensued with resident, R. Mercier, referring to comments about seeking legal advice to review the document, and stated it may be legal but what about the engineering part. T. Fracassa inquired if new wording of the motion would include recommendations of the SL Committee? J. McClanaghan weighed in: process has dragged on; there should be only one document under consideration as all parts of the original BSBC document had parts that were good and not so good; referring to the application to CRMC (it would be our application) making review by an attorney very important; "toilets" have to be clarified; \$15,000 donation ????. J.Pariseault continued: hire an attny. to review BSBC document and vote at next meeting to adopt some of the SL Committee recommendations and once the doc. is vetted then one person meets with the BSBC sewer committee. T. Fracassa agreed with J.McClanaghan and J.Pariseault. Chair Mercier added his thoughts: thanked the Committee but was frustrated that the final recommendations took so long and he agreed with an earlier statement that the Council represents all taxpayers. M. Vendetti, then, rescinded his initial motion and P.Farley suggested a new motion. The **motion** is to hire an attorney to review the BSBC Sanitary Sewer Document which was "redlined" by J. Pariseault now known as **Version 2**. Attny. J. Mancini will report back to the Council within two weeks once the **Version 2** doc. is tightened up by T.Fracassa, J.Pariseault, and a BSBC representative. There will be a vote at the next Council meeting on each of the SL Committee's recommendations. **Motion 2nd** by M.Vendetti. **Motion** passed 4-0 with J.Pariseault abstaining. Vote included: Chair Mercier, P.Farley, M.Vendetti, and T. Fracassa.

2. Radar unit: J.Pariseault will set up a meeting with Narragansett to discuss future plans for speed tracking
3. Pond dredging: J.McClanaghan reported that she had resurrected the plans from 1981 about dredging. Garafolo and Assoc. will be happy to discuss feasibility plans for solving the breach way problems. B. Barber has removed sand from the breach way 6-7 times. It may cost as much as \$25,000 to research options to remedy the pond/breach way problem.

New Business

- 1) P. Farley explained that the Patriot Trash contract expires on 3/17/16. An RFP has been prepared to send out. A topic to be explored is the recycling aspect for reimbursement. We have negotiated a 1 year extension for a pilot program with a 3%

increase; option to renew for 2yrs. A meeting will take place to discuss the recycling aspect. See amendment.

P. Farley **moved** to pass the agreement as outlined; 2nd J.

Pariseault. **Motion** passed 5-0.

- 2) Budget meeting ... working session 3/30/2016 @ 7 pm
- 3) Beach Pass System: many questions and suggestions: how does BSBC work? How does Danvers YMCA work? P. Farley wants this plan to evolve slowly and diligently so as not to expose our private beach to public scrutiny; as outlined, he would not support it. Some people expressed agreement to some kind of a monitoring system for access to Kelly Beach but no motion has been made to direct this endeavor.
- 4) Next Council meeting will be on May 4th due to a variety of conflicts
- 5) Little Beach cleaning: Resident, Kevin Massey, has researched three vendors to clean the beach mainly of seaweed... 1) 3-4 cleanings @ \$720 each; 2) April ... \$680-\$940 \$2,300-\$3200 3) \$250- \$300 no seaweed.... Goes to budget hearing
- 6) Docking was addressed by Chair Mercier: replacing 4 pilings then a ramp. Harbor had asked for \$6000 but is now asking for a different amount. P. Farley has **moved** 2nd M. Vendetti to approve \$3,324 spending to repair gangway to floating dock (road to dock). **Motion** passed 5-0

Period of Public Comment

Resident A. Lupino suggested that when the causeway is closed due to water height issues that a sign be posted closer to Boston Neck Rd.

Adjournment:

There being no further public comments or district business, M. Vendetti **moved** to close the meeting; 2nd by P. Farley. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Once the minutes are ratified they are available for viewing on the BSFD website

Respectfully submitted,

Carole Duffy, Clerk
Minutes ratified by the Council on:

Carole Duffy
5/4/16

Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Presented March 16, 2016

Recommendation of the Harbor Committee for repairs to Little Beach Dock.

The committee requests to purchase a ramp "Gangway" from the sand to the dock walkway this year, in place of replacing the four pilings that were funded through the capital budget for year 2015-2016. The cost difference would be as follows:

Original budget for pilings was \$6,000

Cost to install the gangway would be \$3,324.46 plus installation. Installation is estimated at less than \$500.00. Other small repairs to dock would bring the cost to under \$4,000 for this year.

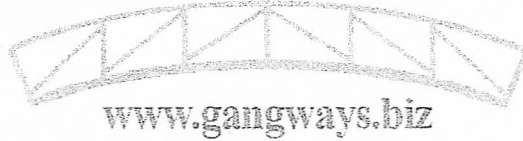
Pilings would have to be done another year.

The reason for the gangway would be to have people begin their entrance onto the dock from dry sand and utilizing a ramp rather than the stairs. Presently the stairs are slippery and at mid to high tides the bottom two steps are under water.

If ramp is ordered this week, it will arrive in early May, allowing for use during most of this year's boating season.

Superior Docks
 420 Christian Ridge Road
 Ellsworth, ME 04605

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Quote

Date	Quote #
1/28/2016	1805

Phone #: (207) 664-2121
Fax #: (207) 664-2533
E-mail: docksramps@gangways.biz

Name / Address
Bonnet Shores 8 Huron Ave Narragansett, RI 02882

Terms	Good Thru	FOB		Project
	1/28/2016	Ellsworth, ME		
Description	Qty	U/M	Cost	Total
3½' Wide Standard Commercial Aluminum Gangway, piano hinge and rollers Shipping to Narragansett	18		154.00	2,772.00
	1		400.00	400.00
This gangway measures 42" clear between handrails and 46" OD.				
			Subtotal	\$3,172.00
			Sales Tax (5.5%)	\$152.46
			Total	\$3,324.46

DISTRICT MANAGER MONTHLY REPORT – February 2016

I am pleased to provide the following report for the month of February.

presented
March 16, 2016

1. Town of Narragansett - As most of you know, the Narragansett Town Manager, Pam Nolan, passed away unexpectedly a few weeks ago. As requested by the council, I had arranged a meeting with Pam, Lenny, John and I but unfortunately the meeting was scheduled to occur a few days after Pam passed away. I will await direction from the council as to how you would like to proceed in this regard.
2. Pond/Breachway- Bob Barber has had to open the breachway 4 times SINCE DECEMBER (when he did the more extensive opening on the pond side). Janice and I researched the pond situation at length and found that Garafalo Engineering had conducted several studies many years ago regarding the pond flooding, culverts, water "exchanges" etc. We contacted Garafalo to see if they might be able to provide any help in the matter. Janice will be providing a detailed report on this matter.
3. Computer Upgrades – I have been attempting to contact the Town of Narragansett's IT specialist to inquire about their computer system but to date have been unsuccessful. I will continue to try to gather the info that Bill has requested and will advise the council accordingly.
4. Trash Bid – I have been working with Paul and Patriot Trash regarding the trash bid/contract. We participated in a conference call and as a result, Paul will be presenting a document to provide for an extension of the current contract. Paul will provide further details in regard to this matter.
5. Beach Pass Policy – I have been working with Janice on possible implementation of a beach pass system. I expect Janice will provide a detailed report on this matter.
6. Speeding – I have been working with the Narragansett Police Department regarding the issue of speeding in Bonnet. Acting Chief Corrigan has been very helpful in this regard and has begun to research the matter by arranging for speed monitoring within Bonnet. I have seen numerous officers stationed here at the CC over the last few weeks. I expect we will be receiving a report in the near future with results of their monitoring. I will advise the council accordingly.
7. Summer Employment – I will be advertising summer jobs in the next few weeks. I have set a period of March 1 - April 1 to apply for all summer jobs in order to provide ample time to review, interview and hire staff. This will also hopefully help in the recruitment of lifeguards before they commit to other communities and/or the state.
8. Summer Camp - I have a meeting scheduled for tomorrow (Wednesday, 2/17) with last year's program director (Christina Panciera) to begin to discuss/plan this year's camp program. More information will be provided in the future.
9. Administration – I continue to work on day to day administrative matters such as those detailed above as well as other daily business (including a power outage resulting from a motor vehicle accident, water main break, house alarms, flooding, and all things Bonnet!) I believe this report covers most of the more substantive matters. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT
MONTHLY MEETING
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FY 2016:

Land Assessment: \$ 271,086,500.00

Building Assessment: \$ 215,669,700.00

Total Assessment: \$ 486,756,200.00

Mil Rate: 0.004871

Collectable Taxes: \$ 256,157.22

Taxes Collected: \$ 251,275.32

Percentage of Taxes Collected: 98.09%

FY2015:

Prior Years Unpaid Taxes \$ 2,496.70

**Bonnet Shores Fire District
Balance Sheet
As of March 16, 2016**

Accrual Basis

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Operating Funds	
Checking Account-81081961	13,065
Money Market Account-16600942	81,227
Total General Operating Funds	<u>94,292</u>
Designated Fund Acct-90555600	
Community Ctr Renovation Fund	3
Social Activities	2,734
Bonnet Days (Camp Activities)	642
Hall Rental Replacement Fee	3,030
Playground	2,877
Total Designated Fund Acct-90555600	<u>9,286</u>
Capital Funds Account-90713550	24,342
Historical Comm. MM-89973019	3,181
Land Trust MM Account-90313320	5,600
Harbor Improvement Fund (CD)	27,871
Total Checking/Savings	<u>164,573</u>
Other Current Assets	
Taxes Receivable	2,462
Sanitation Cart Inventory	460
Recycle Bin Inventory	8
Total Other Current Assets	<u>2,930</u>
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	(1)
Total Accounts Payable	<u>(1)</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	684
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>684</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>683</u>
Total Liabilities	683
Equity	
Fund Transfers	(3,725)
Retained Earnings	146,473
Net Income	24,072
Total Equity	<u>166,820</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>167,503</u></u>