

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

BSFD Community Center
130 Bonnet Shores Rd
Narragansett, RI 02882

Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2016

Call to Order: Chair Lenny Mercier called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM. Council Members in attendance included: Janice McClanaghan, John Pariseault, Bill Del Gizzo, Mike Vendetti, and Natalie McDonald. Treasurer Mary McGinn, Tax Collector Helen Patience, 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 and a remembrance for Steve McCooley's mother who had passed.

Urgent Business: None

Ratification of Minutes: M. Vendetti **moved** to accept the Sept. 17, 2016 minutes; 2nd J. McClanaghan. **Discussion:** none.

Motion passed 5-0 by those who were in attendance in Sept.

Committee Reports:

- a) **Sanitation:** no report
- b) **Traffic:** no report
- c) **Social & Harbor:** no report
- d) **Beach & Security:** see attached report and J. McClanaghan added: there will be a beach pass survey; new bus bill will arrive soon as there had been an error on it; Cloud is up and running. Discussion ensued about the provisions of the "to be" written RFP for the pond dredging. B. DelGizzo stated that the entire watershed needs attention and believes that the Town should review its zoning policies when it comes to enforcing water retention methods. He, also, mentioned that he was communicating with people about solutions to keeping Little Beach accessible to residents especially in the summer.
- e) **By Laws, Ordinances & Bonnet Days:** no report
- f) **Pond & Development:** no report
- g) **Historical:** no report

Treasurer's Report: see attached report and M. McGinn added that all financial data is in the Cloud. Financials look good.

Tax Collector's Report: see attached report. 92% of taxes have been collected and she is working on delinquent notices.

Land Trust: Chair Terry Duffy wants the DiPrete Engineering report placed on agenda for next council meeting. J. Pariseault added that Attachment A has not been added to the

Easement Agreement. He is requesting final paperwork from Atty. Mancini. T. Duffy continued by expressing concern about the demolition of the 20,000 sq. ft. BSBC septic system and the subsequent paving of said area. B.DelGizzo suggested that the LT write a formal letter to the Town and CRMC about this issue.

District Manager's Report: see attached report and L.DiBello added that she and Narragansett Police Chief would be meeting next week; thanks to the Town for removal of a troublesome tree at the CC.

Old Business:

- Pass on discussion of beautification barrels
- Trash Ordinance: see attached ordinance with new language for Section VI (*Trash barrels and recycling bins that obstruct the roadways after the 24 hr. time frame will be subject to Section 7 "Ordinance VI": Trash*) Discussion ensued: B.DelGizzo asked if Trash committee had posted its meeting? He is asking that all meetings' times to be circulated via email. He also asked about Narragansett standards for trash barrels and was told that there is no standard. M.Vendetti weighed in by saying that barrels in the roadways is the crucial issue. At this point, J.McClanaghan **moved** to accept the revised language in Sect VI; M.Vendetti 2nd. **Motion** passed 5-1. B.DelGizzo abstained.
- TIPP update: T.Duffy explained that the pond dredging could be in the \$150,000 range, but the State has no money to allocate for this project.

New Business:

- Welcoming James Manni, new Narragansett Town Manager...Mr. Manni shared his background and experience with the group. He then touched on a variety subjects of interest to residents of BSFD: safety of our citizens is of the highest priority for Mr.Manni and he has already met with his team at Town Hall to discuss the causeway; especially, in respect to safety and the fluctuating water table from the ponds. After researching the causeway issues, Mr. Manni offered these thoughts: the total project could cost as much as \$800,000; CRMC would have to issue an assent for the project; borings done by BSBC engineers are inconclusive as to the causeway subsurface; and acknowledged that pedestrians on the causeway need a safe walking space. Mr. Manni hoped that by the spring there would be answers to the many questions about dredging and rebuilding of the causeway. Mr. Manni continued by citing some positive accomplishments: no 120 ft. cell tower adjacent to Twin Willows and student rental problems have been mitigated by the Task Force. Furthermore, increased police patrols have reduced speeding on Town roads.
- M.Vendetti thanked Mr. Manni for attending the Council Meeting.

Period of Public Comment:

- Resident Lupino asked for notification of causeway closings to be issued sooner. L.DiBello will contact DPW.

Adjournment: There being neither further comment nor District business, the Chair called for an adjournment motion. **Motion:** J.Pariseault **moved** to adjourn the meeting; 2nd M.Vendetti.

Discussion: none. All were in favor and the meeting ended at 9:05 PM

Council meeting minutes are available on website after ratification.

Respectfully submitted : Carole Duffy, Clerk
Ratified : November 16, 2014