

**BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT  
130 BONNET SHORES RD  
NARRAGANSETT, RI 02882**

**CHARTER COMMISSION  
MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Chair, Carolyn DiLeo, called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM with the following members in attendance: Bob Patterson, Anita Langer, Faith LaSalle. Lloyd had a prior commitment. Zoom master, Michelle Carracia, and Secretary , Carole Duffy.

Before asking for ratification of the Aug. 2nd meeting , Chair DiLeo reiterated that all of the discussions from the beginning on July 25th until now have only been discussions, not decisions and all of these discussions will be provided to an attorney once appointed for legal scrutiny

Rescheduled meeting: Chair proposed to reschedule the regular Aug. 22nd to Aug. 30 to allow for interviews of interested attorneys for our position. No vote but agreed to by the group. Faith asked who would be interviewing and who would be choosing the individual. Basically, Carolyn and Bob would be interviewing and Carol O'Donnell would be part of the decision team.

**Ratification of Minutes:** Minutes were tabled once again because the summary resubmitted for Aug.2 by Chair DiLeo was not accepted in its entirety by the members of the Commission. A ten minute or more **discourse can be reviewed on zoom** to hear the comments. Basically, Faith did not agree that Carolyn had captured all of her arguments and Bob and Anita expressed frustration that all of the other pertinent remarks were not captured to disagree with some of Faith's statements.

Finally, Chair DiLeo said that she would once again review the video and include missing aspects of the Aug. 2 meeting minutes and revise the Aug. 2 minutes in collaboration with Carole. At the end of this lengthy dialogue, Faith said that she was looking for public participation.

**Sec.5:** already decided on 8/9 to keep 4th Div. of District Court

**Sec.6 :** police officer wording is out.

Checks and balances: Faith had a lot of input about this section: checks and balances on expenditures by the Council should be capped at \$50,000 and should go to Annual Meeting for approval. Anita provided examples as how a spending limit cap would disallow the Council from making on the spur decisions given an emergency like a hurricane. Faith raised the topic of spending BSFD money on the walkway and she was reminded that it was not the Council but residents who advocated for giving \$58,000 in seed money to the Land Trust to be used as start-up money to investigate building a walkway. *The rest of the back and forth is opinion and was stopped by Carolyn in order to move the meeting forward.*

A brief discussion ensued about adding a section to the Charter about recall votes for Council members.

**Sec.7 :** Nothing new was added following the latest wordsmithing. Faith had some concerns about Para. 2 & 3 and Chair DiLeo stated that the Town agreed to this in a resolution.

**Sec.8 :** Chair DiLeo verified that the reference to changing Oct. 15 to Sept. 15 is important to accommodate the District's budget ensuring having monies going forward.

**Sec.9:** Chair DiLeo wants the attorney to review this section before any changes are made.

**Sec.10: Note:** Even though I listened to the recording, I couldn't determine if " other duly appointed authorities " was staying or going.

Faith wanted to know why Little Beach Harbor couldn't be professionally managed by the Narragansett HarborMaster. A variety of responses arose: anything in the water is governed by CRMC; having a Harbormaster allows us to collect mooring fees; one or two moorings are designated for non residents; Narragansett didn't really want us.

Next meeting: Aug. 30 at 6 PM.

**Public Comment:** Comments were ongoing from residents who were present and no one was on zoom.

**Call to Adjourn:** Bob moved and Anita 2nd. Group agreed and the meeting ended at 7:45 PM

**To hear the exact words spoken during this meeting, please watch the zoom video.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Duffy