

Treasurer Laurie Mc Carthy - Capital expenditures – Anthony comments about feedback. Bill comments that he has spoken to engineers about possible expenses. Carolyn asks about the possibility of having a running list of possible items for discussion. She also comments on the crack in the floor of the Community Center. Laurie comments that the district will be having the RI Interlocal Trust come to inspect the community properties. Carolyn also asks if the district reports to the Auditor General, Laurie replies annually and quarterly. Carolyn comments that at the next annual meeting that the positions of the clerk, treasurer and tax collector are bonded, there is a discussion if it is possible to have the interlocal trust provide this also.

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Michelle reports that about 97% of taxes have been collected so far. She plans on updating the delinquent properties. Michelle has talked with Linda Kauffman about getting a tab on the BSFD website for taxpayers to be directly connected to the igov payment submission system. There is a discussion about that.

Steve makes a comment about the mandatory RI Ethics filing to be completed by all council members and district employees.

Steve comments about POA filings.

Communications committee updates – Linda Kauffman is doing a great job with web management. Laurie has reached out to Linda for a quote on web management capital expenditures for the upcoming fiscal year. There is a discussion about putting a disclaimer on the BSFD website noting that it is the only website for official information. There is a discussion about having the District Manager assist more with e-blasts.

Steve comments on the District Manager’s report, there is ongoing trail maintenance. He has been in contact with mooring holders and has received some positive feedback. Mark has been working on finding contractors for Little Beach clean up still, any suggestions or references are appreciated.

Carolyn requests that an item be added to the next agenda to discuss further accidents at the main entrance/ sign area.

A few applications for camp counselors have been received, and the lifeguard hiring process has begun.

There is a discussion about the recent harbor ordinance changes, regarding mooring inspections and boat length.

There is already an interest in camp participation.

CRMC Permits. There is a discussion about applying for a permit to excavate the breachway and possibly burying seaweed on Little Beach.

Anita Langer comments that she has a copy of the current CRMC Breachway permit on her personal computer, which is valid through 2025.

Beach tag program. There is a discussion about ideas to revamp the beach tag program.

Bob Patterson suggests the idea of changing the color of the tags should change every year, and possibly that the tags should be sent out in the tax bills, and that each tax bill should have 2 tags with it.

Anthony comments on the possible logistics of implementing a new system, and how to manage it.

Laurie comments on the expense of the mailing that would be needed to include the weight of the tags.

Carolyn comments on the idea of having taxpayers come in person to the manager's office to claim their seasonal beach tags. There is a discussion about logistics.

Faith LaSalle of Col. John Gardner comments about the idea of printing cards for residents that would be mailed after paying their tax bills. There is a discussion if tax bills will continue to be sent via USPS.

Pamela Childs of Mohawk Trail comments about plastic card printing options and a possible distribution method of in person pick up.

Bill Comments he thinks sending tags through the mail with tax bills would be the most effective.

Paula Childs of Lake Road asks what the previous policy was. Carolyn comments that in 2015 passes were physically delivered to each house, which should have been handed down to the next owners if the house was sold. Paula comments if a default system of 2 passes automatically sent with bills would open the door for excess passes being distributed by taxpayers who do not want to use them or offer them to others to use.

There is an agreement among the council to use the current system this year and to consider alternate options for the 2024 season. Carolyn makes a motion to continue using the current Beach Pass Program for the 2023 season, Bill seconds, motion passes unanimously 4-0.

E. Bill makes a motion to table item E under new business and have the item discussed by the Land Trust, Carolyn seconds. Steve comments on the reciprocal relationship between the BSFD and the BSBC, there is a discussion among the council about the Land Trust's vote on the decision. Motion passes unanimously 4-0.

Paula Childs asks if the community is giving free access to a pro profit company, and what the policy for use is for difference organizations. Steve comments on the nature of bartering/ sharing resources with a neighbor. Paula comments that the rules for the center are not clear.

Nancy Cordy of Bonnet Point Road comments that if this is in fact a Land Trust issue, that is should be tabled and passed to the Land Trust for discussion and vote.

David Kaufman comments via zoom that as a member of the Land Trust he agrees with Bill that as a good neighbor it is a good option to consider, and also comments that the item was not discussed with the Land Trust prior to this meeting's agenda. He also requests that any requests for Community Center use, by anyone or the BSBC, be sent to the Land Trust first, and there is agreement among the Council on that.

F. By Laws meeting update – There was a meeting last night, and there will be a first draft posted to the website and sent to the community in an e-blast. The committee is asking for input from the public. Carolyn discusses the importance of community input on issues throughout the processes.

Bill comments that it is important for people to sign up for eblasts.

Nancy Cordy discusses the nominating committee and asks if anyone has been assigned to it. Carolyn comments that the committee has the ability to schedule and hold a meeting at any time. Nancy comments that the committee would need some guidance on how to proceed given the current uncertainty of the future of the annual meeting process. There is a discussion if a council member is needed as a liaison. Bill comments that the council does not control the Nominating committee that is an elected independent public body.

Bob Patterson comments about changing the Bonnet Days event. He also comments about the idea of mailing out cards for beach passes with tax bills, and the idea of reaching out to a printer to facilitate this.

Anita Langer comments to Nancy Cordy that the Nominating Committee has the power to hold a meeting at any time without the presence of a council member as a liaison.

Faith Patterson comments that she agrees with Bob about reviving the Bonnet Days event. Bill discusses the idea as well and discusses the need for funding and organization. There is an overall tone of agreement to revitalize the Bonnet Days event.

Nancy Cordy comments on some great ideas for getting the Bonnet Days event rolling again.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00pm made by Bill DelGizzo, seconded by Steve Danuszar, motion passes unanimously.

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