

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT
2024 ANNUAL MEETING
***DRAFT* Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 26, 2024

1. Call to Order by District Moderator – *District Moderator Joe Thomas called the meeting to order at 8:15 pm.*
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance – *District Moderator Joe Thomas led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.*
 - B. Reflection on Deceased Members of the Fire District – *District Moderator Joe Thomas took a moment of silence to reflect on deceased members of the District.*

2. Proper Notice and Quorum Attested to by the Clerk – *Clerk-Pro Temp, Janice McClanaghan stated that Stephanie Caldwell, who was the Clerk, had resigned from the position, but had confirmed that all mailings and advertisements had been made in compliance with the Bylaws. Clerk Janice McClanaghan confirmed that there was a Quorum*

3. Report of Nominating Committee – *This item and Items #4 and #5 were held until after Item #11 because voters were still being checked in by the Clerk and Tax Assessors.*

Jean Albert provided the Nominating Committee report.

- A. Council Candidates – *The Nominating Committee nominated John Chereskin, Carolyn DiLeo, Anita Langer, Leslie McKnight, Gary Moore, Kevin O’Brien and Christiana Quinn for Council.*
- B. Land Trust Candidates – *The Nominating Committee nominated Terry Beaty, David Kaufman, Jim Riccitelli, E.J. Sutherland and Joe Thomas for Land Trust.*
- C. Other Candidates for Fire District Offices – *The Nominating Committee nominated the following individuals for the other offices:*
 - Joe Thomas as Moderator
 - Laurie McCarthy as Treasurer
 - Stephanie Caldwell as Clerk
 - Bill Giannini as Fire Warden
 - Nancy Cordy as Tax Assessor
 - Linda Kaufman as Tax Assessor
 - Carole Duffy as Tax Assessor

- D. Nominations from the Floor – *Moderator Joe Thomas asked if there were any nominations from the floor for Council. The following nominations were made from the floor:*
 - *Paul Luba nominated Steve Danuszar for Council.*
 - *Janice McClanaghan nominated Faith LaSalle for Council.*
 - *Chris Mannix nominated Jane W. Duran for Council.*
 - *Lloyd Albert nominated Bill DelGizzo for Council.*
 - *Steve McCooey nominated Tony Girardi for Council.*
 - *Nilsa Silvestri nominated Carol O’Donnell for Council.*

The nominations for Council were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for Land Trust. The following nominations were made from the floor:

- *Marlene Bellini nominated Joan Fandetti for Land Trust.*
- *Kevin McKnight nominated Kevin Dolan for Land Trust.*
- *Nicholas Passerelli nominated Paulette Brousseau for Land Trust.*
- *Matt Sheridan nominated Kelly Sheridan for Land Trust.*

The nominations for Land Trust were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Moderator position. No nominations were made from the floor. The nominations for Moderator were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Treasurer position. No nominations were made from the floor. The nominations for Treasurer were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Clerk position. Joan Fandetti nominated Matt Mannix for the Clerk position. The nominations for Clerk were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Tax Collector position. No nominations were made from the floor. The nominations for Tax Collector were subsequently closed, with no candidate(s) nominated for the position.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Fire Warden position. No nominations were made from the floor. The nominations for Fire Warden were subsequently closed.

Moderator Joe Thomas called for nominations from the floor for the Tax Assessor positions. The following nominations were made from the floor:

- *Kevin McKnight nominated Paul Luba for Tax Assessor*
- *Mary Mercier nominated Deb Connor for Tax Assessor*
- *Faith LaSalle nominated Helen Patience for Tax Assessor*

The nominations for Tax Assessor were subsequently closed.

Based on the nominations made by the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor, the candidates for the following positions were unopposed and these candidates were elected to the following positions via the Clerk casting a single ballot for each of them:

- *Joe Thomas as Moderator*
- *Laurie McCarthy as Treasurer*
- *Matt Mannix as Clerk*
- *Bill Giannini as Fire Warden*

- A. Introductions of Candidates (candidate remarks) – *The Council, Land Trust and Tax Assessor candidates made remarks to the Assembly. The candidates who were unopposed did not make remarks.*
4. Nomination of Taxpayers to Serve on Nominating Committee – *The following nominations were made for individuals to serve on the BSFD Nominating Committee:*
- *Carolyn DiLeo nominated Carole Duffy*
 - *Kevin O’Brien nominated Lisa O’Brien*
 - *Anita Langer nominated Mary Weber*
 - *Anita Langer nominated Kevin Ryan*
 - *Jean Albert was nominated*
 - *Deb Conner nominated Sharon Ford*
 - *Victoria Stephens nominated Donna Stephens*
 - *Tony Girardi nominated Chris Mannix*
 - *Chris Mannix nominated Marlene Bellini*
 - *Mary Mercier nominated Richard Mercier*
5. VOTE BY BALLOT for District Officers and Nominating Committee Members – *Occurred after the candidate speeches.*
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6. Vote to Approve BSFD Land Trust Allocation of \$7,000.00, pursuant to Section Four of the BSFD Land Trust Charter – *Did not take place.*
7. Vote to Approve Rates of Compensation for the following elected officials: (1) Tax Collector, (2) Clerk and (3) Treasurer, pursuant to the BSFD By-Laws – *Mary McGinn **moved**, seconded by Donna Monaghan, to approve the rates of compensation for the Tax Collector (\$5,743), Clerk (\$4,308) and Treasurer (\$4,881). The motion was approved by a show-of-hands vote.*
8. Ratification of 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes – *Kay Schenck **moved**, seconded by Carolyn Taborelli, to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was approved by a show-of-hands vote.*
9. Report of the Tax Collector – *This item was held until after Item #10 because the Tax Collector was checking voters into the meeting.*
- After the Report of the Treasurer (Item #10), Tax Collector John Chershkin provided the Tax Collector’s Report.*
10. Report of the Treasurer – *Treasurer Laurie McCarthy provided the Treasurer’s Report.*
11. State of the District by District Council Chair – *BSFD Council Chair Carol O’Donnell gave the State of the District. She discussed how the District had addressed road flooding, grant applications and the repair of the sign.*
12. New Business – *There was no New Business.*

13. Discussion of proposed charter amendment carving out real estate of Bonnet Shores Beach Club from Bonnet Shores Fire District – *This item was withdrawn by its sponsors prior to the meeting.*

The business portion of the meeting ended at 9:18 pm.

14. Election Results – *John Chereskin, Leslie McKnight, Faith LaSalle, Tony Girardi, Steve Danuszar, Jane Duran and Carol O’Donnell were elected to the BSFD Council. Joe Thomas, Kevin Dolan, Paulette Brousseau, Kelly Sheridan and Joan Fandetti were elected to the BSFD Land Trust. Paul Luba, Helen Patience and Deb Connor were elected as the BSFD Tax Assessors. Sharon Ford, Richard Mercier, Donna Stephens, Chris Mannix and Marlene Bellini were elected to the BSFD Nominating Committee.*

The following positions of Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk and Fire Warden were not opposed: (1) Joe Thomas as Moderator, (2) Laurie McCarthy as Treasurer, (3) Matt Mannix as Clerk and (4) Bill Giannini as Fire Warden. Election results are included in the two tables below.

Council		Land Trust		Tax Assessors	
John Chereskin	696	Joe Thomas	637	Paul Luba	396
Leslie McKnight	522	Kevin Dolan	422	Helen Patience	394
Faith LaSalle	472	Paulette Brousseau	419	Deb Connor	381
Tony Girardi	469	Kelly Sheridan	410		
Steve Danuszar	434	Joan Fandetti	386	Carole Duffy	311
Jane Duran	430			Linda Kaufman	304
Carol O’Donnell	428	Jim Riccitelli	300	Nancy Cordy	302
		David Kaufman	297		
Kevin O’Brien	296	Terry Beaty	296		
Christiana Quinn	276	E.J. Sutherland	279		
Gary Moore	274				
Carolyn DiLeo	267				
Anita Fanger	266				
Bill DelGizzo	162				

Nominating Committee Results			
Sharon Ford	397	Carole Duffy	230
Richard Mercier	393	Jean Albert	219
Donna Stephens	377	Kevin Ryan	218
Marlene Bellini	373	Mary Webbe	213
Chris Mannix	370	Lisa O’Brien	212

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15. *Adjournment – Clerk Janice McClanaghan announced the election results at 3:30 am on Tuesday, August 27, 2024, which adjourned the meeting.*

Respectfully submitted,

Janice McClanaghan
BSFD Clerk