

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Bonnet Shores Fire District Council Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 16, 2024
7:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Prior to the meeting, Sangho Nam and Dorian Boardman gave an emergency management presentation to those in attendance.

Call to Order

Council Chair Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for members of our armed forces. In attendance were council members Leslie McKnight, Anthony Girardi, Steve Danuszar, Jane Duran and John Chereskin. Also in attendance were District Manager Mark Gillooly, Treasurer Laurie McCarthy and Tax Collector Helen Patience. Council member Faith LaSalle was absent.

Urgent Business

None.

Announcements

The council announced that the meeting was accessible via Zoom, but that there would be no participation via Zoom.

L. McKnight addressed a recent incident on Gardenia Lane. Three University of Rhode Island students (Reese Moroney, A.J. Jones and Ethan Mohon) apologized for damaging their neighbor's property and expressed their remorse to the Fire District and their neighbor.

Approval of Minutes

J. Chereskin **moved**, seconded by J. Duran, to approve the September 18, 2024 council meeting minutes. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Committee Reports

Treasurer (L. McCarthy): Currently, the Fire District has \$327,628.00 available, which is on track from last fiscal year.

Tax Collector (H. Patience): Eighty-eight percent (88%) of the 2025 taxes have been collected.

Land Trust (J. Fandetti): Joan Fandetti reported that the Land Trust held its organizational meeting on October 9. The Trustees elected Joan Fandetti as Chair, Paulette Brousseau as Vice Chair and Kelly Sheridan as Secretary. The next Land Trust meeting will be held on Monday, November 18 at 6:30 pm.

Harbor (M. Gillooly): The dock has been removed for the season. Four boats were damaged during the recent storm.

District Manager (M. Gillooly): The yard waste dumpster will be available every other weekend in the coming months. Little Beach cleanup needs to be addressed. Parking issues with college rentals continue and town staff has been contacted.

Charter (F. LaSalle): None.

Social: The annual Christmas Party will be held at Twin Willows on December 15, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

New and Ongoing Business

Website

- J. Duran is taking over the stewardship of the website. The council is in the process of selecting a new webmaster.

FEMA/Little Beach grant

- C. O'Donnell indicated that the council needs clarity regarding the reimbursement process for the grant. She asked for direct communication with the University of Rhode Island. L. McCarthy indicated that the council would need to authorize the first payment, which would go to the University of Rhode Island. The cancelled check from that payment would then need to be provided to FEMA to kick off the reimbursement process.

Breachway Cleaning

- C. O'Donnell indicated that she would coordinate with the Beach Club regarding the cleaning of the breachway.

Public Comment

- Nancy Cordy addressed the assembly regarding the annual meeting, the town tax sale and the speed signs on Bonnet Shores Road and Bonnet Point Road.

Adjournment:

L. McKnight **moved**, seconded by J. Duran, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **approved** unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Matthew M. Mannix
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk

Ratified on November 20, 2024