

BONNET SHORES FIRE DISTRICT

Bonnet Shores Fire District Monthly Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

7:30 PM

Meeting Minutes

Call To Order

Council Paul Farley called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

In attendance were BSFD Council members Paul Farley, Janice McClanaghan, Christopher Mannix, Marlene Bellini, Carol O'Donnell and Anita Langer. Council member Michael Vendetti was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

P. Farley led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a Moment of Silence for our service members in the Armed Forces and those suffering from the pandemic.

P. Farley indicated that the Zoom Moderator would preside over the meeting during the Period of Public Comment.

Urgent Business

Anita Langer **moved**, seconded by J. McClanaghan, to approve the building plans for 63 What Cheer Road (submitted by Maria Izzi), pending town approvals. The motion was approved, 4-0, with C. O'Donnell and C. Mannix abstaining.

J. McClanaghan **moved**, seconded by A. Langer, to approve the building plans for 11 Old Town Trail (submitted by Gary and Lisa Johnson), pending town approvals. The motion was approved, 4-0, with C. O'Donnell and C. Mannix abstaining.

Approval of Minutes

C. O'Donnell **moved**, seconded by C. Mannix, to approve the June 17, 2020 council meeting minutes. A. Langer **moved**, seconded by J. McClanaghan, to amend the minutes to state that A. Langer was able to access the Zoom meeting before Old Business. The amended motion was approved, 5-0, with P. Farley abstaining.

The council held over the August 5, 2020 meeting minutes for approval at the next monthly meeting.

Committee Reports

Treasurer (L. McCarthy): Reported that the Tax Collector, Treasurer, bookkeeper and former Treasurer have worked together to update the finances.

District Manager (L. DiBello): L. DiBello state that her report was uploaded to the BSFD website.

New Business

- Discussion on web-based tax collection program with GovCollect
J. McClanaghan explained that the new tax collection tool would have a public and private section and that this tool would greatly reduce calls and email requests to the Tax Collector and Treasurer. J. McClanaghan **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to approve upgraded web-based tax collection and processing program with GovCollect. The motion was approved, 6-0.

Public Comment

P. Farley explained that the Zoom Moderator would preside over this portion of the meeting.

C. DiLeo commented on the posting of meeting minutes.

P. Childs commented on her opinion of the Fire District's status as a quasi-municipality.

R. Patterson commented on an advisory letter from the R.I. Secretary of State.

C. Mannix commented on the R.I. Ethics Commission's dismissal of a complaint against him, J. McClanaghan, M. Vendetti and former council member Natalie McDonald.

Adjournment

C. Mannix **moved**, seconded by C. O'Donnell, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew M. Mannix
/s/ Matthew M. Mannix
BSFD Clerk

Ratified on February 17, 2021