

**Bonnet Shores Fire District**

**Special Meeting – June 05, 2021 – 9:00 AM EST**

**Bonnet Shores Community Center – 130 Bonnet Shores Road (Narragansett, RI)**

**NOTE: Council members present: (1) J. McClanaghan, (2) M. Bellini, (3) A. Langer & (4) C. Mannix**

**START OF MEETING.** Ms. Chair McClanaghan called the meeting to order at about 9:00 am EST and indicated that there were multiple agenda items to work through.

**CLERK.** M. Bellini moved, second by A. Langer, to accept and place on file the resignation of the clerk. The motion passed 4-0 unanimously.

**CLERK PRO TEM AND HEAD COUNTER.** C. Mannix moved, second by J. McClanaghan, to appoint colleague M. Bellini as the clerk pro tem and colleague C. O'Donnell (not present) as the head counter at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed 3-1, with A. Langer dissenting.

**ANNUAL MEETING MODERATOR.** C. Mannix moved, second by A. Langer, to appoint J. Thomas as the Annual Meeting Moderator. A. Langer then moved, second by J. McClanaghan, to appoint R. Patterson as the moderator. Due to the presence of two motions on the same matter (and) at the same time, the members voted by name, not yes or no. Bellini, Mannix and McClanaghan voted for Thomas. A. Langer voted for Patterson. Thomas was appointed 3-1.

**TAX ASSESSORS.** C. Mannix moved, second by M. Bellini, to appoint M. McGinn and J. McGinn as “tax assessors” at the Annual Meeting. The motion passed 4-0 (unanimously).

**ANNUAL MEETING JOB DUTIES AND ASSIGNMENTS.** Ms. McClanaghan then covered “job duties” and discussed various assignments for the next three weeks to prepare for the annual meeting.

**COMMUNITY CENTER.** The council discussed the community center and unanimously voiced “consensus” to allow the community center to be used in the summer of 2021.

**NEWSLETTER.** McClanaghan went on to discuss labels for the printers, duplicates in the master file of addresses, the need for labels, the need for copies of the newsletter. She mentioned that she would go to the Staples store.

**NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS.** McClanaghan further discussed the need to have volunteers to stuff the envelopes, put on stamps, and adhere labels. She also said that she would double the number of counters to count ballots at the annual meeting.

**MEETING VENUE (THE RENTED TENT).** As she continued to discuss the details and the logistics of the upcoming meeting, McClanaghan indicated that the real property owners should show up with beach chairs, the bathrooms, and the audio.

**TOWN POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS.** As the discussion went on, McClanaghan also stated that the town police and fire departments would be on hand to help since the annual meeting this year will be in a rented tent. She encouraged owners to “carpool.”

**VOTER LISTS.** McClanaghan explained that the assessors and the clerk pro tem would use the rolls provided by the town to find voter names and distribute the ballots. She encouraged owners to bring their deeds. She mentioned that the list comes from the town. Any voter who wishes to vote by proxy must have the proxy form notarized.

McClanaghan said that her days were busy and that she was constantly receiving phone calls and dealing with the district’s lawyer regarding specific inquiries.

It was established that A. Langer would tag team on the mailings and have notices placed in the newspapers.

Ms. McClanaghan and Ms. DiBello are working on several items together.

**MAHJONG.** McClanaghan then went back to the community center rental issue and the individuals who play mahjong. Bellini moved, second by Mannix, to approve the mahjong games, which passed unanimously 4-0.

It was mentioned that there is never a perfect location for the annual meeting and that several locations have been used over the years, including St. Veronica’s Church, the Community Center building, the beach club, the high school, and the middle school.

**ADJOURNMENT.** Mannix moved, second by Langer, to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously at about 10:30 am EST.