Bonnet Shores Fire District

Monthly Meeting: Meeting Minutes
December 15, 2021
7:30 PM

Bonnet Shores Community Center – 130 Bonnet Shores Road Narragansett, RI

Call To Order
Chair Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:37pm. Council members in attendance included: Chair Carol O'Donnell, Vice Chair Marleen Bellini, Carolyn DiLeo, Bill DelGizzo. And Steve Danuszar. Additional present were Treasurer Laurie McCarthy, Tax Collector Michelle Travis, Harbor Master Joe Bleczinski, and Clerk Stephanie Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of silence
The Assembly recited the Pledge and observed a moment of silence for long time Bonnet resident David Stenmark, and all other members of the community that have passed.

Announcements: Procedure of Meeting
Chair O'Donnell outlined the meeting procedure: In order to preserve order and decorum, and to avoid interfering with the ability of spectators to see and hear, any other persons video recording or photographing the meeting should do so from a designated area and may not move about the room during the meeting.

Approval of Minutes
The working minutes from September 18, 2021 are approved. A motion is made by Carolyn DiLeo, and seconded by Marlene Bellini, motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer: Updated Financial Report
Treasurer Laurie McCarthy shared her report. Currently the budget has $267,000.00 in the account with eight months remaining in the fiscal year. The $3,000.00 budget for cleaning the gutters of the community center was saved thanks to Steve Danuszar taking care of this project. Laurie proposed switching to Quickbooks online in real time beginning January 1, 2022; the fee is $35.00 per month, which would be absolved by reduced bookkeeper hours required. A motion is made by Bill DelGizzo to move from desktop to online real time Quickbooks for the cost of $35.00 a month, it is seconded by Marleen Belini and passes 5-0.

Tax Collector: Update - Collections
Michelle Travis shared her update. Collections stand at roughly 94% of the budget, or $370,000.00. Michelle has compiled a list of delinquent tax reports. There is a discussion about this list and how to proceed. Carol asks if the cost of a tax sale outweighs the value of any delinquent property revenue, and there is a discussion about this possibility. Nancy Cordy asks what types of properties are on this list, Carol answers that it is mainly vacant lots, vacant property, and BSBC items. Bill DelGizzo makes a motion for the Treasurer to send out reminder

letters of delinquent notice to all property owners listed, it is seconded my Carol O'Donnell, and passes 5-0.

Land Trust
George Monahan shared the Land Trust report for the meeting on 11/25/21. Bill DelGizzo adds that the Little Beach grant is a work in progress; that he contacted CRMC to ask about possibly getting the removed sand from the URI Bay Campus dredging project deposited at Little Beach; and that David Black is working on a watershed map and protection plan for Wesquage Pond. Mr. Black is well versed with DEM and mapping.
Nancy Cordy discussed that the Land Trust is not a registered 501c3, but it operates as tax free under the BSFD.
Robert Patterson says he believes BSFD is not a registered 501c3, and asks the council to investigate.

District Manager Report – None this month

Harbor Master – Update documents for review.
Joe Bleczinski shared his report. Topics included:

- Looking into the cost of decking planks
- Ramps on pier are secured
- Someone put a small Christmas tree on Little Beach, thank you for the community spirit!
- Carolyn DiLeo has questions about the minimum size of a boat required for mooring use, and there is a discussion about whether or not this is a practical tool for vetting boats that want to use a mooring or beach space, and possible ordinances regarding vessel size. Carolyn notes that harbor ordinances will be discussed at the next Bylaws Committee meeting, and suggested and eblast with information on harbor regulations.
- Bill DelGizzo discussed mooring fees including winter inspections and winterizing, and the idea of getting one company for all mooring work. Carol O'Donnell suggests talking to mooring owners about these ideas.

Old Business

A. Legal Update – None
B. Renter Issues, parking, trash, speeding – Marleen Belini discusses ongoing parking issues, and that she spoke to the security company – the district will wait until May for their services. Carol O'Donnell asks the public to please inform the council of any ongoing issues.
C. St. Veronica's – Survey work is in progress for an addition. Carol O'Donnell notes nothing has been submitted to the town yet.

New Business

A. R Dunne – Narragansett Senior Project – truck parade through Bonnet: Reagan Dunne has worked on several projects in honor of her late father, including the Little Free Tackle Box at Little Beach. She would like to organize a parade of vehicles that will drive through Bonnet on May 1, 2022, with the goal of raising money for the Never Dunne

Foundation. Bill DelGizzo made a motion to approve the parade, Carolyn DiLeo seconded, motion passed 5-0.

B. Managers office to be locked: Carolyn DiLeo discussed the need for the District Manager's office to remain locked, and not used for common storage; as well as an issue concerning pest control. She stressed the importance of cash not being stored on site. Pamela Childs asks if the goal is to use a key pad lock, the council replied yes. Carolyn discussed the benefits of a keyless entry system and the option of one time use passwords. Lee Listro commented that the closet in the office also has keys to it, and discussed access to the closet. Steve Danuszar volunteered to paint.
C. Town zoning meeting in December: There is a town zoning meeting schedule for Thursday December 16th, items on the agenda include 126 Col. John Gardner Blvd – special, and 52 Anchorage Rd – relief for builds.
D. Camp will be held in summer of 2022 – details to follow
E. Recap of Bylaws meeting: Carolyn discussed that ordinances 1-4 were addressed, items 5-9 are scheduled for the next meeting, Harbor Master Joe Bleczinski will address item #10. Bill the need for enforcement of ordinances.
F. Solicit bids to hire attorney/ paralegal to address road ownership: Carol discusses the need to finally establish if BSFD owns the roads. Carolyn DiLeo made a motion, seconded by Bill DelGizzo, motion passed 5-0. Faith LaSalle asks for clarification of the purpose of this motion. There is a discussion regarding the need for clarification of road ownership for the purpose of being able to pass ordinances, and to eliminate the confusion within the BSFD Council and community, and how it pertains to many topics, for example Joy Lane. Deb Panullo expresses concerns about the possibility of not owning the roads. Anita Langer commented on municipal services provided for school busses in Bonnet.
G. Establish an Annual Meeting Committee: Carolyn suggests forming a committee to manage the annual meeting. A motion is made by Marleen Belini and seconded by Bill DelGizzo, motion passes 5-0.
H. Suez water mains – information: Carol explains that she spoke with Suez regarding the frequency of water main breaks. They explained that many of the water pipes in the neighborhood were fabricated during the era of WWII and are failing at the same time. Carol asks the public to please inform the council of any water main breaks they experience. Lenny Mericier comments on waiter main breaks. Deb Panullo discusses her issues with Suez denying liability for damage. Faith LaSalle suggests calling a neighbor for attorney reference. Carol O'Donnell discusses her concerns with the condition that the roads are being left in following water main breaks. Bob Petterson discusses concerns about Suez work in the neighborhood, and that he would like to see a comprehensive plan for repairs, with the possibility of laying gas lines. Paula Childs discusses the idea for the council to put pressure on Suez to address resident's concerns.
I. Committees:
    a. History – Lee Listro, Dave Kaufman, Nancy Cordy, Michelle Carraccia, Mary McGinn, Pat Kuhne: A motion is made by Carolyn DiLeo to approve these committee members, seconded by Carol O'Donnell, motion passed 5-0.
    b. Communication – Steve Ryder, Joe Iannucci, Chris Mannix, Valerie Henry, Dave Kaufman: Carolyn DiLeo discusses concerns with the Facebook page formerly managed by Chris Mannix. Steve Danuszar addresses Chris Mannix's positive

assets for this committee. Marlene asks the council what the goals of the committee are, Steve responds that is to be determined. Paula Childs comments that she feels Chris Mannix is not qualified to be on the committee. Bill DelGizzo comments that he feels the committee needs open minded people without a personal agenda and who bring new ideas. He worries Chris Mannix brings old ideas to the group. Carol O'Donnell reiterates that individual committee members do not have power, all suggestions and decisions happen through the council. Marlene Belini made a motion to approve the committee as written, Steve Danuszar seconded, motion passed 3-2.

Public Comment

Identify yourself with address, each person will have three minutes to speak, one time.

- Robert Patterson, 8 Parkland Road, made a request for updated road signs. Marlene comments that there are historic signs in the community center basement.
- Anita Langer asks if there have been any new documents found. There is a discussion about the work in progress.
- Deb Panullo asks if there is a record retention policy, the reply is no, not yet. She also asks if the basement will be used for storage once it is finished being cleaned out, and the answer is yes.
- Nancy Cordy asks if we have a budget to buy plastic storage bins for documents, and the recent budget savings ($3,000.00 from gutter cleaning by Steve) is noted.

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 9:52pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Caldwell
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk