

Bonnet Shores Fire District

Monthly Meeting: Meeting Minutes

July 20, 2022

7:30 PM

130 Bonnet Shores Road, Narragansett, RI 02882

Zoom

Call To Order

Chair Carol O'Donnell called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Council members in attendance included: Chair O'Donnell, Carolyn DiLeo, Steve Danuszar, and Bill DelGizzo. Additional present were Treasurer Laurie McCarthy, Harbor Master Joe Bleczynski, Tax Collector Michelle Travis via zoom, and Clerk Stephanie Caldwell.

Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of silence

The Assembly recited the Pledge.

Urgent Business

None.

Motion to go into Executive Session

Tabled.

Announcements: Procedure of Meeting

Any public comments, please come to the microphone and identify yourself.

Approval of Minutes:

January 19, 2022 – tabled

June 15, 2022 – Carolyn DiLeo makes a motion to discuss, seconded by Carol. Carolyn's corrections include: under tax collections, first line, eliminate "sending". Last page, Bill's comments, correct "trans" for "transportation. Carolyn makes a motion to approve minutes as corrected, seconded by Carol, unanimously passes.

Treasurer: Updated Financial Report

Laurie McCarthy shared her report. Fiscal year 2022 – 2023 has been approved. A copy will be mailed with the tax statement and posted to the website. The rate will increase 0.009%. The Q3 and fiscal year end of 2022 will also be uploaded. Tax revenue has not been collected yet, however the district is still in good standing. No questions.

Tax Collector: Update - Collections

Michelle Travis shared her report. Files from the town have been received. 6.3M increase in assessed value since last year. She is working with igov to create the new bills. Tax sale and collections, 4 full payments received, 1 payment received for just the tax amount, not the full bill. Returned mail has been given to the attorney. Steve asks where the returned mail is from, she says mostly not in Bonnet. Steven Puerini 220 Bonnet Pt Road asks if the returned mail addresses have been verified with the town. She says she believes our records match the town records. He also asks if the list of delinquencies goes back longer than 1 year, answer is yes, 3 years.

Land Trust

Steven Puerini shared his report. The Land Trust has a list in progress of unbuildable properties in the works. They plan on mailing the owners with the hope of acquiring these properties.

Harbor Master

Joe Bleczynski shared his report. Letters to mooring holders without applications have been sent. Several kayaks have received stickers and letters. Little Beach has been cleaned. Bill asks what happens to mooring equipment if transferred from one owner to another, answer is the new owner has the option to purchase it from the old owner, or it will be removed. Bill asks what happens to the 14 current mooring holders that do not have a boat on yet, answer is that the owners have been informed if they do not use the mooring this year they will lose the mooring next year.

New Business

- A. Rep. Carol Hagan-McEntee – presented a \$2,000.00 grant check for district improvements, used for improvements on the playground, landscaping, and others.
- B. New website preview – technical difficulties, unable to preview at this time.
- C. Ramp onto Kelly Beach – Carol addresses the sand erosion issue at the end of the Kelly Beach Ramp. There are obstacles to building a structure, in the meantime she has had a conversation with the beach club to ask them to continue to build up the sand as a solution. Carolyn DiLeo discusses challenges to constructing a permanent structure, logistics, cost, etc.
- D. Charter Commission Members to be considered for approval, 3 available.
 - a. Council person Carolyn DiLeo to Chair
 - b. Members for consideration: Lloyd Albert, Faith LaSalle, Nancy Cordy, Anita Langer, Wm Cole, Terry Duffy, Louise Healy; Bob Patterson -Plaintiff Representative; Michelle Caraccia – Zoom Meetings; Carol Duffy – Clerk; Legal Representation TBD
 - Carolyn discusses the role of the Charter Commission, and the reasoning behind her selections of Lloyd Albert, Faith LaSalle, and Anita Langer along with Bob Patterson as the plaintiff representation.
 - Carol explains the legal representation will be someone entirely separate from the B
 - Carolyn makes a motion to nominate Lloyd Albert, Faith LaSalle, Anita Langer and Robert Patterson, seconded by Steve, motion is unanimously approved.

Public Comment

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

Steven Puerini comments about how at his FL residence the complex charges a fee for property sales to fund the community, and asks if that is something the district may consider to help fund projects in the community.

There is a brief discussion about real estate transfer fees. Rep. Hagan-McEntee comments on how this practice is common in many towns.

Faith LaSalle comments in favor of the real estate transfer fee idea, and the possibility of looking at this idea in the Charter Commission.

Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 8:11pm, motion by Carolyn, 2nd by Bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Caldwell
Bonnet Shores Fire District Clerk