

# Bonnet Shores Fire District Reconstituted Charter Revision Committee

## Continuation of Discussion

Date:	<b>Wednesday, January 29, 2025</b>
Place:	Bonnet Shores Fire District Community Center
Time:	6:00pm-8:30pm
Zoom:	<p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85842384289">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85842384289</a></p> <p><i>Considering the importance of this topic, we will attempt to open the zoom for remote participants during public comment. However, if there are technical difficulties, this may not be possible. If you wish to contribute during public comment via the zoom, please ensure your camera is on.</i></p> <p><b>Cut &amp; Paster URL Method:</b> If you are having trouble with the above link, please cut and paste the below into your browser or visit the BSFD Website Calendar.</p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingId=85842384289&amp;from=calendarEvent">https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinMeeting?meetingId=85842384289&amp;from=calendarEvent</a></p> <p><b>Zoom Launch Instructions:</b> If you would like instructions on how to load the Zoom for the Reconstituted Charter Review Committee Meetings from the BSFD Website, a movie clip is available from this link:</p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vlw8VGqhDG4jUpC1eSXg6H1k8GX4JoOHpL0sclOSePP9PtFr3qfbB_YJrgL1Ftoa.R8X3jicMt0DB3h7q">https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/vlw8VGqhDG4jUpC1eSXg6H1k8GX4JoOHpL0sclOSePP9PtFr3qfbB_YJrgL1Ftoa.R8X3jicMt0DB3h7q</a></p>

## Agenda

- 1) **Call to Order**
- 2) **Announcements**
  - The data analysis presented at the 01.25.2025 Reconstituted Charter Revision Committee has been updated to reflect that there are 1847 BSBC eligible voters rather than 2007 per Luise Healy, the Committees BSBC representative. This will be posted to the website along with the other 4 presentations.
- 3) **Approval of Minutes from 1/25/25 meeting**
- 4) **Review and discuss previous Charter Amendments recommended prior to 2025:**
  - a. **Narr Registered Voters + Seasonal occupancy 60 days prior to election (proposed in 2023)** - This proposal that was submitted to the GA in January of 2023, and was the subject of hearing in May 2023. Never made it out of Committee.
  - b. **Narr Registered Voters + Taxpayers + 1 Person/vote per BSBC Unit (Scenario 3)** – Rejected by the BSFD Charter Committee
  - c. **Narr Registered Voters Only (Scenario 2)** - Submitted to Senator Alana DiMario by a couple of BSFD Committee members in January 2024. Unknown if DiMario ever introduced it.
- 5) **Continuation and Discussion of the identified scenarios:** To continue the review and discussion of voting population scenarios, in consideration of prior proposals. This could also include: data analysis; reviews and discussions of the various populations impacted by the scenarios; discussions/presentations around clarifying and operationalizing the scenario(s); discussions around removing/tabling scenarios from consideration/further discussions.
  - a. **Scenario 1: Current state**
  - b. **Scenario 2: BSFD Narragansett Registered Voters Only**

- c. **Scenario 3: BSFD Narragansett Registered Voters, BSFD Resident and Non-Resident Residential Property Owners (Taxpayers on Deed), and 1 person per unit from the Bonnet Shores Beach Club (Taxpayers)**
  - d. **Scenario 4a: BSFD Narragansett Registered Voters, BSFD Resident and Non-Resident Residential Property Owners (Taxpayers on Deed) and No eligibility for Bonnet Shores Beach Club (Note – BSBC tax obligation still in effect)**
  - e. **Scenario 4b: BSFD Boundary Proposal** (*proposed by Kristen Deberghes on 1/25/25*) – Removal of Bonnet Shores Beach Club from BSFD boundaries and thereby relieve BSBC of their tax obligations as well as voting eligibility.
  - f. **Scenario 5: BSFD Balanced Voting Proposal** – (*proposed by Kevin O'Brien on 1/25/25*) – To create classifications of voters and "weigh" the value of each BSFD vote. It has been discussed that the BSBC Board itself assigns a weight to their own unit voters when voting on BSBC matters. Larger units "count" more than those from the smaller units. Need to determine the basis of the weighting and how to include non-tax paying Narragansett registered voters.
  - g. **Scenario 6: Current State with Voting CAP for BSBC** (*proposed by Mary Weber on 1/25/25*): CAP the number of votes for the Bonnets Shores Beach Club each year according to the percentage of tax revenue contributed. Narragansett Registered Voters and home/land Property Owners would remain as 1 vote per eligible voter.
- 6) **Next Steps/Meetings:** Discussion of Next Steps. Next Meetings: Saturdays, February 8, 2025, March 1, 2025.
  - 7) **Public Comment:** Please identify yourself by providing your name and address. Limit comments to 3 minutes.
  - 8) **Adjourn:** Motion To Adjourn

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