

**Bonnet Shores Fire District**  
**Combined Special Council and Budget Meeting**  
130 Bonnet Shores Road  
May 13, 2026  
8:00 am

A Special Council Meeting of the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council was called to order at 8:01 am on May 6, 2026 by Council Chair Leslie McKnight. Other Council members in attendance were: John Chereskin, Melissa Jenkins, Faith LaSalle, and Kevin O'Brien. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no Public Comment.

**New and Ongoing Business**

- 1. Annual Meeting Timeline** – L. McKnight raised the topic of discussion, revision and possible vote regarding preparation for the 2026 Annual Meeting. M. Jenkins moved that the meeting be adjourned as outside the purview of the Council. F. LaSalle seconded the motion, whereupon M. Jenkins voted in favor, while J. Chereskin, L. McKnight, F. LaSalle, and K. O'Brien voted no. A discussion then ensued including a review of a "Task and Timeline Plan for 2026 Annual Meeting" and the tasks assigned to various groups including the Nominating Committee and Tax Assessors. During discussion, it was agreed that the Town of Narragansett must be contacted to gather the list of property owners and registered voters. Item #7 on the timeline was changed to reflect a due date of May 25 with J. Chereskin offering to contact the Town. Tax Assessor training will be conducted prior to the election. Mr. Patterson discussed the status of using state supplied voting machines and ballot preparation and indicated he is reconsidering using the state for those functions.
- 2. Communications with Firms/LLCs/Corporations** – after discussion, it was agreed to forgo a separate pre-election mailing to Firms, LLCs and Corporations, and instead rely on the general pre-election newsletter to inform those entities of the need to submit affidavits in advance of the Annual Meeting.
- 3. Proxy Verification** – Mr. Patterson recommended that proposed proxies be required to submitted for verification prior to the election so that an orderly process can be followed and the validity of the proxies confirmed. Valid proxies would still be filed with the Clerk on Elections Day, as required by the By Laws. A discussion followed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted:  
Robert Patterson Clerk  
Approved 6/17/2026

