

Dear Bonnet Shores Council Members and Bonnet Community

Thank you for your consideration in holding a workshop prior to the March Bonnet Shores Fire District Council meeting to present our vision towards a solution to the voting problem.

I'm a full-time Narragansett registered voter, a taxpayer and an owner at the Beach Club.

I have lived in this community for over 75 years, and I have always tried with all my heart and soul to do what is best for this community. In August of 2025, at the monthly council meeting, I spoke about the voting issue in Bonnet, and how the divide needs to end. The ugliness needs to end. It's time to take all the information and resources and work together to bring this community back together as one.

Kristen Deberghes contacted me after that night. We talked about forming a group of private citizens that represented the various affiliations with different viewpoints that had been vocal on this issue and ask them if they would sit down and try to address and strategize ways to come up with a peaceful resolution to bring this community back together again.

That group included a plaintiff, Mary Paterson, Concerned Citizens, Carolyn DeLeo, a non-resident Kristen Deberghes and Louise Healy, Bonnet Shores Beach Club and myself.

The Beach Club, due to a resolution that was passed at a recent board meeting, could not continue to work with us until we had a new vision, but they did convey their thoughts, and we agreed to keep them informed of the process.

The group also agreed that we would be respectful of each other, we would be open minded, we would review all the documents, options and ideas that were introduced, talk about any barriers and concerns, and be willing to explore any new ideas.

Our goals were to ensure that whatever final proposal we developed, it would meet the following points: It be constitutional, solve dilution, include as many voting members of this community in regards to substantial interest, and address concerns of the non-resident beach club and the non- resident homeowners, with the overall goal to bring peace and harmony back to this community.

Tonight, after countless hours of work, you are being provided with a summary of our recommendation, which will be passed out for your review. It is our hope that at that workshop we will explain the merits of how our final recommendation reflects what we learned, how it incorporates those diverse viewpoints while remaining aligned with the constitutional requirements set by the court. It is not only what we are proposing, but why this recommendation is thoughtful, legally sound, and responsive to this community.

We believe that what we are presenting is fair, inclusive, and strive to ensure that everyone has a voice, that residents have more of a say, and each of the other fractions are giving up something to align with our goals.

Our hope is to now go out to the community to obtain their feedback and move forward to a final resolution.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Janice McClanaghan