



Meet The Candidates Night



July 23, 2025

BSFD Community Center - 6:30pm

Open Positions

Role	# of Positions Available	Term	# of Identified Candidates
Moderator	1	1 Year	1
Clerk	1	1 Year	0
Treasurer	1	1 Year	0
Tax Collector	1	1 Year	0
Tax Assessors	3	1 Year	3
Council Member	2	3 Year	3
Nominating Committee	5	1 Year	5
Land Trust	1	3 Year	2

Candidates Identified

Moderator

Positions: 1

Term: 1 year

- **Joe Thomas***

Tax Assessors

Positions: 3

Term: 1 year

- **Steve Danuszar***
- **Sharon Ford***
- **Paul Luba***

Council Members

Positions: 2

Term: 3 years

- **James Hill***
- **Kevin O'Brien***
- **Melissa Jenkins**

Nominating Committee

Positions: 5

Term: 1 year

- **Marlene Bellini**
- **Sharon Ford**
- **Chris Mannix**
- **Richard Mercier**
- **Donna Stephens**

Land Trust

Positions: 1

Term: 3 years

- **Terence Beaty**
- **Carol O'Donnell**

***Candidate has been endorsed by the Nominating Committee**

(Candidates for Nominating Committee cannot be endorsed by the Nominating Committee)

Candidate Profiles Submitted



James Hill

7 Anchorage Rd.
Narragansett RI 02882

Position: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

Endorsed by 2025 BSFD Nominating Committee

Meet Jim Hill – Candidate for Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

Jim Hill, a lifelong Rhode Islander, is proud to be running for a seat on the Bonnet Shores Fire District Council. Born and raised in Pawtucket, Jim graduated from Tolman High School and went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Rhode Island College. With a 35-year career in the banking industry—culminating in a leadership role at Webster Bank—Jim has built a reputation as a trusted, detail-oriented professional known for his integrity and dedication.

Affectionately known by many as "Rain Man" due to his sharp mind and unmatched attention to numbers, Jim brings a deep sense of fiscal responsibility and financial know-how to everything he does. Now retired and a full-time resident of Bonnet Shores, he lives on Anchorage Road and is deeply invested in the future of the community he calls home.

Jim's goal is simple but important: to preserve and protect the quality of life in Bonnet Shores for his children and for generations to come. He believes in fostering a strong sense of community, listening to residents' concerns, and ensuring that thoughtful, responsible decisions are made for the benefit of all.

When he's not attending meetings or walking the neighborhood, Jim serves as a shuttle driver for the Bonnet Shores Beach Club—happily transporting beachgoers to and from their vehicles with a friendly wave and a smile. This role has kept him connected to residents and visitors alike, giving him a unique perspective on the needs and values of the community.

Jim Hill's proven leadership, financial acumen, and love for Bonnet Shores make him a strong and capable candidate for the Fire District Council. He's ready to serve, and he's ready to listen.

Vote Jim Hill – For Community, For Accountability, For Bonnet Shores.



Kevin O'Brien

123 Colonel John Gardner Rd,
Narragansett RI 02882

Position: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

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Bio:

- Homeowner and summertime resident of Bonnet since 2016
- Became a full-time resident in July 2025 after completing a full home rebuild
- Active in the BSFD Council for the past several years. Ran for BSFD Council in 2024. Received 296 votes (8th place in a vote for 7 positions).
- Active participant in the 2025 BSFD Charter Commission Committee. Developed and submitted a collaborative proposal that included input from both residents and BSBC representatives. Proposal was selected by the committee as a finalist option.
- Retired from 36-year career in High Tech in April 2024. In the final 15 years I served as a Global VP of Operations at SAP (a 110,000-employee company operating in 185 countries). The role required skills aligned to ones needed in the BSFD council role – strategic planning, operational deployment, collaboration with people of diverse views, and clear transparent communication.
- Ran numerous complex multi-million-dollar organizational programs at SAP including collaboratively building out and deploying the global franchise operating model that is still in use today. The SAP franchise model is a global charter and operating plan for the company.
- Served as head of my prior community's homeowners association (in Sudbury MA) for 20 years (2003 to 2023)

What I would do if elected to the council:

1. Continue to collaborate with the council and community on a solution for updating the BSFD charter.
2. Champion building out a pragmatic, fiscally responsible, and transparent strategic plan that clearly defines the council's and communities' priorities. One plan defines what the council focuses its tight resources on - time and money. The plan will be validated with the community and refined over time. It will be reviewed regularly in council meetings to ensure council efforts stay focused on accomplishing the priorities. Smaller issues will be handled in committee efforts. In my years of working with the council, I've seen significant council efforts and spending applied to "issues of the day" but no clear definition of what priority items must get done.
3. Champion enhanced communications, including regularly reporting on progress against a BSFD strategic plan. Work on finding ways to collect constructive input and feedback for continuous improvement of both plans and operations.



Dr. Melissa Jenkins

4 Bayberry Rd
Narragansett RI 02882

Position: Bonnet Shores Fire District Council

Qualifications:

1. Registered voter and full-time resident in Bonnet Shores neighborhood since 2018.
2. Denied the right to vote in 2019 and 2020.
3. Winning plaintiff in civil rights lawsuit establishing the fact that the charter under which the district is currently operating is unconstitutional.
4. Harassed while voting in 2024 by employee of the Bonnet Shores Beach Club.
5. Aware of ethical concerns about corporate shareholders voting in their own self-interest on government bodies.
6. Well versed in governance including ethics and open meetings regulations.
7. Civil Rights Activist pursuing free speech, environmental justice and democracy throughout Rhode Island and standing up for the Constitutional Rights of myself and my neighbors in Bonnet Shores such that all residents and only residents vote on matters that govern us.
8. Co-founder of the Bonnet Shores Neighborhood Association, member of the Narragansett Economic Development Committee.
9. Married with one adult kid, lover of dogs, triathlon, art and fashion.



Terence Beaty

14 Leonard Bodwell Rd.
Narragansett, RI 02882

Position: Bonnet Shores Fire District Land Trust

A Professional REALTOR® serving Southern Rhode Island

- 30-year Real Estate Broker Licensed in RI & CT
- SVP New Homes & Land divisions for two large brokerage companies
- Urban Land Institute, Member
- RI Association of Home Builders
- Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce

Land Trust Chair Experience:

- Served as Land Trust Chair from 2023 to 2024 (appointed by Mary Flynn)
- Helped direct the Land Trust address current issues concerning preservation and improvement of the open spaces inside Bonnet Shores
- Led a team of dedicated people who cared about Trust properties and operations
- Oversaw new signage for the Pond and planned on new signs around the neighborhood
- Oversaw an effort to renew our expired 501-c3 designation with the IRS

What I would do if reelected:

- Work alongside the Fire District to respond to operational programs and develop new ideas for the improvement of the Community Center and its programs.
- Maintain and grow our relationships with area organizations like the RI Land Trust Alliance, Audubon, etc.
- Listen to resident's needs regarding the interaction with our open spaces and amenities. Work to solve issues that may arise.
- Protect and vote to renew our 501-c3 designation and seek out grants and programs that favor the designation.
- Celebrate the community aspects of our work and seek feedback on our efforts.

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Carol O'Donnell

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Position: Bonnet Shores Fire District Land Trust

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Professional Summary

Responsible owner proficient in construction and sales. Passionate and motivated, with a drive for excellence. 35 years in the construction and sales industry.
Active community volunteer and educator

Skills: RI Contractor & Lead Licensed

Operation and Control
Building and Construction
Chief Architect Program Designer
Production and Processing

Clerical - Management
Sales and Marketing
Negotiation - Active Listening
Knowledge of the Building Codes

Experience: OSHA 10, First Aide CPR AED

<i>President</i>	<i>RI Reg. # 3331</i>	Mar 2009-Present
<i>Emerald Re-Construction LLC - Johnston, RI</i>		
Estimate writer for insurance claims		
Inspect and analyze damage to property		
Reconstruct and repair damage		
<i>President</i>		Feb 2009-Present
<i>Emmy LLC - Johnston, RI</i>		
Purchase, Rent, Repair and Sell Property		
<i>President</i>	<i>RI Reg. # 7871</i>	May 1989-Present
<i>CRM Modular Homes - Johnston, RI</i>		
Prepare budgets, contracts, permits		
Direct and coordinate activities of business production, pricing, sales, and construction		
Negotiate, approve contracts or agreements w/ suppliers, distributors, and other organizational entities.		
Sell/Construct modular buildings for residential, light commercial, town and state usage		
Consult, draw plan, and oversee construction projects		

Education

<u>Construction Industry Technician-Clemson University</u>	<u>Feb 2010</u>
<u>Real Estate Courses: Real Estate Procedures URI</u>	<u>Sept 1988</u>
<u>Building Code-CRMC-DEM International Code Council-OH</u>	<u>Member</u>
<u>RI Lead License LRM-</u>	<u>2024</u>
<u>Affiliations DCYF CASA Volunteer</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
<u>YWCA, Program Coordinator/Instructor of Rosie's Girls</u>	<u>2012-2019</u>
<u>Professional Women in Building, Past Chair</u>	<u>2016-2020</u>
<u>RI Builders Association, Past Chair</u>	<u>2020-2023</u>
<u>"Extraordinary Women Award"</u>	<u>March 8, 2017</u>
<u>Habitat for Humanity Women's Build, South County</u>	<u>2013</u>
<u>Director/Pres/Board NAWIC Region 14</u>	<u>2015-2021</u>
<u>Appointed, Governor, RI Contractor & Licensing - Vice Chair</u>	<u>2007-Present</u>
<u>Center for Women Enterprise, Advisory Board</u>	<u>2017-2023</u>
<u>Appointed, RI Fire Board of Appeals and RI Commerce Board</u>	<u>2019-Present</u>
<u>Bonnet Shores Fire District Council -Chair</u>	<u>2021-Present</u>