

MINUTES of the

82nd Annual Meeting

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

September 17, 2011

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks:

The Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District ("QCBFD") Moderator, Stephen Long, called the Annual Meeting to order on September 17, 2011, at 10:07 a.m. at the Quonochontaug Grange on Route 1 in Charlestown, Rhode Island. The agenda for the meeting is attached as Exhibit A.

The Moderator then led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Moderator asked the clerk, Heather Cady, if a quorum was present under the QCBFD By-Laws and whether the meeting was in compliance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island. The Clerk responded yes. The Moderator explained that a quorum exists if QCBFD voters representing 30% of the fire district's lots are represented at the meeting.

The Moderator reminded those present that QCBFD is a municipality and not an association. He also stated that any new motions must be presented in writing to the Clerk, seconded and discussed. Under Section 8 of Article 3 of the By-Laws, any such new motion must be passed by 65% of those voting at the meeting. Other motions may be passed by a simple majority.

A moment of silence was observed for the following QCBFD residents who passed away this year:

Frances Kearney

Jeffrey Boucher

The Moderator then recognized the many volunteers who work tirelessly to make QCBFD function and prosper. He noted that some deserve special recognition for outstanding service: George Prior, for his tireless work on the road resurfacing project; Kate Thornton, for her commitment as the webmaster of QCBFD; Dede Consoli, for her efforts on Merchandise Sales. The Moderator also recognized and thanked five QCBFD Commissioners who are retiring this year: Mark McEnroe, Ballfield; Ted Gilpin, Boating; Peter Rettig, Civic Improvement; Ron Ruel, Police

Protection; Barb Ruel, Special Events. The Moderator also recognized the great success of the QCBFD Fourth of July Parade, the annual Quonnie golf tournament and the Closing Picnic. A round of applause followed.

II. Notification of Annual Meeting and Approval of Minutes from the 2010 QCBFD Annual Meeting:

A MOTION was made to approve the Minutes of the 2010 QCBFD Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports: Each QCBFD Commissioner then gave a summary of his/her committee's work over the past year. Each committee report provided is included as an attachment to these minutes. Any additional discussion of note is detailed below, within the body of the minutes.

A. Real Estate – Tom Battista: See attached Exhibit B. Tom Battista referred to his report and then thanked his committee members for their hard work. One resident inquired as to whether the survey of QCBFD could be made available online.

B. Public Works – George Prior: See attached Exhibit C. George Prior read the attached Public Works report and ended by thanking his committee members for their hard work.

C. Long Range Planning – Dick Stabnick: Dick Stabnick thanked the Long Range Planning Committee members for their hard work.

Dick Stabnick discussed the status of the mandate to restore Fresh Pond to its original, pristine state. Dick Stabnick explained that the cleanup of Fresh Pond involved several components, including the quality of the water in the pond, the quantity of water in the pond and the effect on the pond of invasive species such as phragmites. It was announced that an information session on Fresh Pond had been held for the QCBFD community. Dick Stabnick explained that, after extensive research, the Long Range Planning Committee has determined that the only way to restore Fresh Pond is to spray the invasive weeds. QCBFD will file an application with the State of Rhode Island and CRMC. If the CRMC application is approved, the spraying must take place in the early fall. Dick Stabnick explained that the spraying process is monitored by the State of Rhode Island. Dick Stabnick also explained that in addition to QCBFD applying for a permit to remove the phragmites, QCBFD might apply for conservation funding from the State of Rhode Island. The Long Range Planning Committee did not include in today's annual budget a motion to restore Fresh Pond because the committee felt it was premature. Dick Stabnick explained that the committee's suggestion is to apply for the permits to spray and if granted, hold an informational session to explain the process to the QCBFD community.

Dick Stabnick questioned the residents present at the Annual Meeting:

1. Does the QCBFD community want to do something to restore Fresh Pond? If the answer is no, we stop the process.

2. If the answer is yes, how should QCBFD eradicate the invasive phragmites?

Dick Stabnick suggested to the community that QCBFD apply for a permit to spray and if such permit is granted, hold an information session to educate QCBFD residents.

Dick Stabnick then opened the floor to questions from residents.

1. Bob Beach inquired as to how effective the first application of chemicals would be. Dick Stabnick answered that the initial spraying is 75-80% effective, but that the entire process requires three spraying applications.

2. Diane McEnroe asked if there were other examples of treated ponds where nearby water is used for drinking water. Dick Stabnick answered that Watch Hill has no known case of chemical contamination in any well used for drinking water. Dick Stabnick explained that the application to spray simply allows QCBFD to proceed if we choose to.

3. Julie Low responded that she believes the pond that was cleaned up in Watch Hill is significantly smaller than Fresh Pond and so she doesn't feel it's comparable. Julie Low stated that Trustom Pond, however, is huge and she feels it would be more comparable. Dick Stabnick explained that the phragmites would be sprayed, not the water itself.

4. Dick Campbell stated that the QCBFD aquifer flows from the north and that our reservoir is north of Fresh Pond.

5. Anne Doyle spoke out in support of hearing both sides of the presentation, pros and cons. Anne Doyle expressed her desire for a balanced presentation on the cleanup of the pond.

6. Kay Noonan responded that she believes that Watch Hill is on the Westerly water system and so would be a different case from QCBFD.

7. Brewster Blackall reported that the chemical used for spraying has a half life of only 48 hours and that after four to five days, it is gone.

8. Dede Consoli stated that the timing of the last information session was not ideal for many people and that the information session should be held when most residents are around to attend the meeting. She explained that QCBFD must hear both sides of the issue.

9. Jim Blair responded that QCBFD held an informational presentation/meeting in 2006, another meeting was held this year in 2011 and now the community is planning another after applying for the permit. Jim Blair stated that it seems we've gone above and beyond the call on this and that the Long Range Planning Committee has worked diligently on researching the issues. Jim Blair expressed his view that QCBFD should proceed with the restoration of Fresh Pond.

10. A resident questioned if any natural alternatives existed, for example using salt water to flush the pond. He stated that algae growth would happen regardless, due to the fertilizers residents put on their lawns.

Dick Stabnick answered this question by explaining that QCBFD has researched using a mower, but mowing is not feasible because of rocks and a low effectiveness rate (30-40%). Dick Stabnick also explained that salt water would not fix the problem. QCBFD would have to pump in such quantities of salt water that it would be ecologically and economically unfeasible.

George Prior added that algae are not the issue here; invasive plants are the issue--and the problem. George Prior explained that algae have not been shown to be a problem in Fresh Pond.

11. Ted Kaplan inquired as to what the financial cost would be to the QCBFD community. Dick Stabnick described the financial costs, beginning in year one and continuing on through year three. Dick Stabnick explained that the real expense lies in the harvesting and burning of the invasive weeds.

12. Roy Jacobsen stated that Fresh Pond is a beautiful natural resource for the community and that QCBFD should fix it. Roy Jacobsen expressed his belief that QCBFD should proceed with the permitting process.

13. Ellen Frost asked for clarification that today, QCBFD is only talking about the application and permitting process and nothing else.

14. Bobbie Woronow questioned what the time frame to act is once a permit has been approved.

D. Civic Improvement –Peter Rettig: See attached Exhibit D. Peter Rettig read the attached Civic Improvement report. He then thanked his committee members.

E. Police Protection – Stephen Long for Ron Ruel: See attached Exhibit E. Stephen Long read the attached Police Protection report and ended by thanking Ron Ruel's committee members. Stephen Long discussed evacuation procedures in the town of Charlestown and mentioned that the Charlestown Police have requested residents to provide cell phone numbers for 911 "robo-calls" in the event of an emergency.

Stephen Long then reported on the increased usage of golf carts in the QCBFD community and the unfortunate incidence of reckless driving of such carts by certain residents. Stephen Long reported that, overall, golf cart usage in QCBFD had been conducted in a more responsible manner this summer.

A MOTION was made that the attached rules on the safe operation of golf carts (Exhibit F) be adopted. The motion was seconded. No vote was taken at this point (see below for the vote on the amended motion).

Dede Consoli presented an amendment, in writing, to the above Golf Cart Usage Resolution. The proposed amendment was to require that all golf carts be subject to the same rules and regulations as motor vehicles in the QCBFD beach parking lot, including requiring beach parking lot stickers and passes.

A discussion on the proposed amendment ensued, followed by a vote on the proposed amendment.

A MOTION was made to amend the Golf Cart Usage Resolution as described above. The motion was seconded. The motion for the amendment was passed by a vast majority.

A MOTION was made that the attached rules on the safe operation of golf carts (Exhibit G) be adopted. This motion represents the final, amended version of the Golf Cart Usage Resolution. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 27 “yes” votes, 1 “no” vote and 5 abstentions.

F. Beach & Dunes – Roy Jacobsen for Shari Frost: See attached Exhibit H. In Shari Frost’s absence, Roy Jacobsen read the attached report and thanked the committee members for their dedication and hard work. Roy Jacobsen explained that the attached report was prepared before Hurricane Irene and that the beach (and fence) had suffered extensive damage from the storm.

G. Tennis & Golf – Cecelia McCulloch: See attached Exhibit I. Cecelia McCulloch thanked her committee for its dedication and hard work. Cecelia McCulloch then presented Bill Meyer a certificate for winning his age group bracket in the Fourth of July Fun Run.

H. Ballfield & Playground – Vinny Reppucci for Mark McEnroe: See attached Exhibit J. Vinny Reppucci read Mark McEnroe’s report on a successful Quonnie softball season. Mark McEnroe’s report highlighted the Old Goats’ continued recent domination of the Young Men (the Old Goats took the season series against the Young Men five games to two), in a softball season that saw three games lost to a party, a hurricane and a tropical storm. Mark McEnroe’s report thanked both Rich

Thompson, for his ongoing and invaluable help each weekend with field preparation/catching, and the spectators, for their support at the games.

I. Special Events – Barbara Ruel: See attached Exhibit K. Barbara Ruel thanked her committee for its hard work. Barbara Ruel detailed several civic improvement projects that were funded by the Special Events committee. Barbara Ruel announced the 2012 Fourth of July Parade theme – “Quonnie Watches T.V.”.

J. Boating – Brewster Blackall and Julie Low for Ted Gilpin: Julie Low read Ted Gilpin’s report. Brewster Blackall reported that more space has been opened up at the boat launch. The brush has been cleared at the boat launch area. Brewster Blackall reported that approximately 90 stickers were purchased in 2011 from Boating. Brewster Blackall then discussed the need to identify boats, cars and people utilizing the boat launch. Brewster Blackall also explained that moorings are owned by the town of Charlestown and that there is a wait list to obtain a mooring. Several questions were then raised by QCBFD residents.

1. Julia Mathews stated that there were too many kayaks and boats at the boat launch, especially given that the QCBFD community has been paying for boat launch stickers.

2. Bill Meyer inquired as to whether QCBFD will clear out all boats without stickers over the winter.

3. Barry O’Brien explained that QCBFD should build another boat rack to open up space.

A MOTION was made that the current boat sticker fee for use of the boat launch area be eliminated. Upon request to the Boating Commissioner, two boat stickers will be available (at no charge) per QCBFD lot number. If space allows, up to two additional boat stickers will be available per QCBFD lot number. Additionally, it is resolved that the current boat sticker fund be retained for future maintenance and repair of the QCBFD boat launch area.

The motion was seconded and passed by a vast majority. Two QCBFD lots voted in opposition to the motion.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 29 “yes” votes, 3 “no” votes and 1 abstention.

K. Finance – Joe DeMaio: See attached Exhibit L. Joe DeMaio discussed the proposed 2012 QCBFD Budget and the Budget Notes, both of which were mailed to all residents. Joe DeMaio explained how the Finance Committee asked each Commissioner to detail expenditures for his/her committee.

A MOTION was made that the 2012 Budget, including an approximate \$8,000 increase in total tax revenues (3.5% above 2011), as approved by the Board of Governors, be approved. Specifically, you are approving the 2012 Budget, including a 3.5% tax increase, and a total tax that will not be less than \$235,000 nor higher than \$239,000. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 26 “yes” votes, 5 “no” votes and 2 abstentions.

A MOTION was made that the Asset Replacement Fund, established and effective as of January 1, 2007, be permanently extended as a prudent means of setting aside the funds necessary to meet the inevitable capital improvement needs of QCBFD. The amount of the annual contributions and withdrawals to such fund shall be presented to and voted upon by the QCBFD as part of the annual Budget. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 32 “yes” votes, 0 “no” votes and 1 abstention.

A MOTION was made that the QCBFD Board of Governors be authorized to spend up to \$20,000 of the Contingency Fund if and when necessary to meet financial obligations of QCBFD that exceed those approved in the Annual Budget. Any such use shall require the approval of a majority of the QCBFD Board of Governors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 29 “yes” votes, 3 “no” votes and 1 abstention.

A MOTION was made that the \$500,000 Line of Credit with Washington Trust, approved for a five-year period by QCBFD at the Annual Meeting in September of 2006, be renewed for an additional five years. This \$500,000 Line of Credit may be used by QCBFD for both normal operating cash flow needs and emergencies, in either case as approved by a majority of the QCBFD Board of Governors. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 32 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote.

A question was raised by a QCBFD resident as to what is currently outstanding under QCBFD’s \$500,000 Line of Credit with Washington Trust. Joe DeMaio responded that there is currently nothing (\$0) outstanding under the Line of Credit and that there is no cost to maintain such Line of Credit. Joe DeMaio also reported that the rate of interest on the Line of Credit is Prime minus 1/2%.

L. Nominating Committee – Sue Birk: See attached Exhibit M. Sue Birk thanked her committee members for their hard work and dedication. Sue Birk explained that the Special Events committee has been split into two pieces: 1.

Special Events and 2. Merchandise Sales (which will be run by Peter Rettig). Sue Birk then read the slate of QCBFD Board of Governors and Commissioners (see attached Exhibit M).

A MOTION was made to approve the slate of the Board of Governors and Commissioners for the 2011-2012 year, as recommended by the Nominating Committee (see attached Exhibit M). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 32 “yes” votes, 0 “no” votes and 1 abstention.

IV. OLD BUSINESS – Stephen Long, Moderator:

Steve Long announced that there was no Old Business to discuss that had not already been covered at the meeting.

V. NEW BUSINESS – Stephen Long, Moderator:

A. Jim Blair: Jim Blair questioned if Board of Governor terms are for five years. The reply was that a Board member can serve for five years, but must be re-elected by vote annually. The term of the Moderator is three years.

B. Suzanne O’Brien announced that she was collecting non-perishable canned goods for the local food pantry.

C. Kate Waterman: Kate Waterman suggested that the QCBFD community maintain one original beach cottage in order to preserve the community’s history.

D. Brewster Blackall: Brewster Blackall supported Kate Waterman’s suggestion and requested QCBFD residents to share their old photos of life at the beach.

VI. Legal Resolutions:

QCBFD’s legal counsel, Stephen Queenan, of Roberts, Carroll, Feldstein & Peirce, then spoke. He read the following motions:

A MOTION was made to Ratify and Approve the Acts of Officers of QCBFD.

Resolved: That each and all of the resolutions, acts and proceedings of the District Officers, as shown by the records of the respective officers in carrying out and promoting the purposes, objectives and interests of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, be and the same are approved, ratified and hereby made the acts

and deeds of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 33 “yes” votes and 0 “no” votes.

A MOTION was made to Authorize the Moderator to Appear at Hearings.

Resolved: That the Moderator, or such person or persons as he shall designate, be and hereby is fully authorized and empowered to enter objections or legal actions on behalf of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District in reference to any zoning matters or any subject affecting the properties in the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 33 “yes” votes and 0 “no” votes.

A MOTION was made to Assess and Collect a Tax on Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District property.

Resolved: That the electors of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District qualified to vote in the District Meeting legally assembled on September 17, 2011, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$235,000 nor higher than \$239,000. Said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges for the interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said District and for the purposes authorized by law. The Assessor of Taxes shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said District as of the 30th day of June 2012 at 12:00 noon, according to the law, and shall on the completion of said assessment date, certify and sign the same and deliver the same to the Collector of Taxes on or before the 1st day of August 2012. The Collector of Taxes, on receipt of said assessment, is hereby commanded to proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable therefore. Said tax shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day of September 2012, and all remaining unpaid balances on the 30th day of September 2012, shall carry interest until collected at a penalty rate of 12% per annum upon such unpaid taxes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Joe DeMaio certified Absentee Ballot votes of 29 “yes” votes, 3 “no” votes and 1 abstention.

VII. Adjournment – Stephen Long:

Stephen Long, Moderator, thanked the QCBFD homeowners for attending the meeting.

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

**2011 REAL ESTATE REPORT
QUONOC HONTAUG ANNUAL MEETING
Thomas M. Battista, Commissioner**

VARIANCES: Two properties had variances that were in play and were mutually settled and approved.

SURVEY: The survey for QCBFD was completed. It is in the final step of being signed and sealed by the surveyor, so the mylar can be presented to the moderator for his signature.

Exhibit C

2011 PUBLIC WORKS ANNUAL REPORT

I'm happy to report that our water distribution system has continued to perform very well. With a combination of the effort of our operator, NWSI and our hardworking committee members, we have maintained delivery of water to our community almost uninterrupted throughout the year. We did experience a broken main in December of 2010 and that was repaired with a minimum of disruption to the community.

Since our last annual meeting, an ultra-violet disinfection system has been installed and operates by re-circulating the water in the storage tank through the UV prior to distribution. We test our water monthly for bacteria and consistently have none. The small 2 hp pump, which was installed to re-circulate water through the UV has been able to handle the distribution demand in the off-season and part of the summer season bringing down electrical costs significantly for the whole year.

We test twice a year for lead and copper and although we've never had a lead reading even close to allowable limits, we do have some houses reading high in copper. The houses with these results tend to be newer, larger homes with copper plumbing. The readings aren't excessively high but after studying this situation for a few years, and consulting with our operator, we've decided to take the action of passivating our water system to address the copper. NWSI will design and install the appropriate equipment this fall.

We've used 97,000 more gallons of water from June 1 to August 15 this year than the same period last year. Usage in June was down from last year as was usage the first half of August but July was higher by 200,000 gallons.

Our roads were crack sealed and chip sealed (oil and stone) before the 4th of July weekend. They have since been swept. We believe that a good job was done and expect a seven year life from this work.

Three new speed bumps have been added. One near the playground, one just north of the tennis courts and one on Oceanview near Brad Gorhams house.

My thanks to committee members John Rooney, Wally Kelly, Tom Doyle, Jim Montstream, Dick Campbell and Bill Meyer and Jane Gurzenda.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Prior, PW Chairman

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 2011 REPORT

TRASH / RECYCLING

Collection has gone smoothly for the 2011 season with only one collection problem reported.

2010 Trash and recycling pick-ups were extended to include Thanksgiving.

For the 2011 season trash *and recycling* were collected on every pick-up day.

Friday collection was extended to the first Friday of September, covering 2011 Labor Day weekend.

The 2011 season's trash and recycling will again be continued to include Thanksgiving.

Final 2011 pick-up will be the Monday following Thanksgiving (November 28). This will mark the conclusion of the third year of a three-year contract with Ed Palmer Disposal.

A new five-year trash contract has been negotiated to continue the services of Ed Palmer Disposal.

FIRE PROTECTION

Access to the fire hydrant in Fresh Pond at the beach parking lot has been cleared.

The Dunn's Corners Fire Chief reminds all residents to display house numbers that are clearly visible from the street. Also, those with linked fire alarms are requested to supply a local contact person and telephone number (in their absence) to avoid the need for forced entry in the event of a false alarm.

A list of fire department call-outs is attached to this report.

PLAYGROUND

Plantings at the playground have acclimated and are establishing themselves.

A water fountain, planned for spring 2011, will be installed this fall when contractors will be available.

BULLETIN BOARD

The ball field bulletin board repair/replacement work is complete Washburn Construction donated the bulk of the labor and materials to us.

Ball Field

Outfield fence: Replacement of seven fence posts and miscellaneous other repairs has been contracted and should take place in the next weeks.

Bleachers/Players Bench: Repainting will take place now that the season is over.

THANKS

Thanks to the Berry & Suzanne O'Brien for their food drive effort to benefit the Charlestown Community Food Pantry.

(Thanks for all the generous support and food donations from our neighbors.)

As always the committee wants to recognize and thank Ann and Tom Doyle, along with all the community volunteers, for their Central Beach Earth Day efforts. This spring was the 14th year that the Doyle's have organized and hosted this community clean-up event.

Thank you to the committee members; Ellen Frost, Len Kovacs, Suzanne O'Brien, Michele Reppucci, Randy Thornton and Neil Simon.

Respectfully submitted, Peter Rettig

(Exhibit D, continued)

Dunn's Corners Fire Department

Incident Type Report (Summary)

Alarm Date Between {09/01/2010} And {08/30/2011}
and District = "02"

Incident Type	Count	Pct of Incidents	Total Est Loss	Pct of Losses
1 Fire				
111 Building fire	1	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>1</u>	<u>4.54%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
4 Hazardous Condition (No Fire)				
445 Arcing, shorted electrical equipment	1	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>1</u>	<u>4.54%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
5 Service Call				
500 Service Call, other	3	13.63%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>3</u>	<u>13.63%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
7 False Alarm & False Call				
736 CO detector activation due to malfunction.	4	18.18%	\$0	0.00%
743 Smoke detector activation, no fire -	1	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
7431 DETECTOR ACTIVATION - BURNED FOOD	4	18.18%	\$0	0.00%
7432 DETECTOR ACTIVATION -	2	9.09%	\$0	0.00%
744 Detector activation, no fire -	1	4.54%	\$0	0.00%
745 Alarm system activation, no fire -	5	22.72%	\$0	0.00%
	<u>17</u>	<u>77.27%</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Total Incident Count:	22		Total Est Loss:	\$0

Exhibit E

2011 QCBFD Police Commission Report

Ron Ruel

During this past season as well as the previous five years, I and this committee have worked toward a liaison role with the police department in an attempt to maintain the peace and public safety of Central Beach.

Many of you have expressed your thoughts, concerns and much needed information in an effort to assist me in my role. I thank you very much for your interest and input.

We are very fortunate in our district to be served by an excellent police department who has regularly responded to our requests for assistance, patrol and investigations. Charlestown Police welcome our reports of incidents and requests that our reports are timely so as to facilitate an immediate response.

You may recall that at our last annual meeting, we asked for you all to consider new rules and regulations regarding the safe use of golf carts. While our monitoring has not been very scientific, the committee is happy to report that there were fewer observations made of unsafe operation during the summer of 2011. More operators have driven slower while maintaining appropriate seating. There were fewer "under age" operators observed this year than last thanks to the owners insuring compliance with our common sense rules. We hope that you agree to make these rules part of QCBFD rules for all owners, guests and tenants by passing the motion put before you today.

You should know that our request for a "bon fire permit" for the opening picnic was denied this year by the fire department. We learned that area police chiefs requested that local fire departments deny such requests in an effort to control fires on the beach. While specific statistics are not available, the police believe that bon fires were "out of control" over the past few summers. New enforcement efforts were for the sole purpose of avoiding personal injury and property damage. While their enforcement has been selective, the police report fewer incidents.

Previously reported to you via email communication, our Moderator described other incidents during the summer that affected the tranquility and

(Exhibit E, continued)

safety of the community. While restricted to the Fourth of July weekend, several mailboxes (East, West and Central Beach) were damaged by small explosive devices consistent with an M-100 firecracker. Luckily no one was injured. Several residents have complained that fireworks well beyond the holiday have disturbed them late into the night. A couple of large beach parties including persons from surrounding areas are reported to have disturbed our residents. We continue to experience minor thefts from unlocked garages and vehicles with a higher rate of incidence reported in the East Beach area. We can best protect ourselves by remembering to lock up and keep a watchful eye for our neighbors. Based upon our requests, Charlestown Police have agreed to patrol as needed but we all must make a concerted effort to ensure that our neighbors' peace is respected.

I trust that you will continue to communicate your observations with the new commissioner and committee so that every effort is made for awareness and safety.

I wish to thank the committee for their assistance and advice. They include;

Michelle Reppucci

Julie Low

Sarah Reynolds

Kim Marlor

Bill Stiles

A very special thank you is extended to *Diane McEnroe* who continues to bridge the gap with our youth and educates them so that they understand what Quonnie is all about. Thank you Diane for your support over the past five years.

Chaucer once said "*There is an end to everything, to good things as well.*" So too ends my term as commissioner. I have been honored to have served this community and hope that my involvement has been helpful in some small way.

~~NON-FINAL
VERSION~~ 2011

Exhibit F

QCBFD Rules and Regulations governing the use of low speed vehicles / golf carts.

The rules and regulations listed below regard the use of low speed vehicles / golf carts on Central Beach roads and community property including parking lots and rights of way. They are intended to guide us toward the safe operation of these vehicles.

1. Operation of a low speed vehicle / golf cart is restricted to those persons who possess a valid, state issued, motor vehicle operator's license.
2. Operators must obey the maximum speed limit of 15 MPH on all Central Beach roads.
3. The number of passengers allowed is limited by the number of seats available on the low speed vehicle / golf cart.
 - 3.1 The number of passenger seats is based upon the manufacturer's specifications and not modified by the owner and/or operator.
 - 3.2 All passengers must remain seated at all times during operation.
4. No person shall operate a low speed vehicle / golf cart in any careless way as to endanger the person or property of another.
5. Head lamps and appropriate rear lighting or reflectors are required for all operation during the hours between sunset and sunrise.

It is the responsibility of each low speed vehicle owner to maintain liability insurance either as separate motor vehicle insurance or as a rider on their home owner's insurance.

Operation of low speed vehicles / golf carts on town roads adjacent to Central Beach is enforced by the Charlestown Police Department. They include; West Beach Road, Sea Breeze Road and Sunset Drive.

[subsequently adopted
with amendment. See
Exhibit G.]

Exhibit G

Final Version of Golf Cart Motion Annual Meeting 2011

QCBFD Rules and Regulations Governing the Use of Low-Speed Vehicles/Golf Carts:

The rules and regulations listed below pertain to the use of low-speed vehicles/golf carts on Central Beach roads and community property, including parking lots and rights of way. Such rules are intended to guide QCBFD residents toward the safe operation of such vehicles.

1. Operation of a low-speed vehicle/golf cart is restricted to those persons who possess a valid, state-issued, motor vehicle operator's license.
2. Operators must obey the maximum speed limit of 15 miles per hour on all Central Beach roads.
3. The number of passengers allowed is limited to the number of seats available on the low-speed vehicle/golf cart.
 - 3.1 The number of passenger seats is based upon the manufacturer's specifications and may not be modified by the owner and/or operator.
 - 3.2 All passengers must remain seated at all times during operation.
4. No person shall operate a low-speed vehicle/golf cart in a careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.
5. Headlamps and appropriate rear lighting or reflectors are required for all operation during the hours between sunset and sunrise.
6. Low-speed vehicles/golf carts are subject to the identical rules and regulations as all motor vehicles and automobiles with respect to parking in any/all QCBFD parking lots, including the beach, boat launch and tennis court parking lots. Such rules include, but are not limited to, the requirement for QCBFD parking stickers/passes in all parking lots. No low-speed vehicle/golf cart may park in any QCBFD parking lot without the requisite parking sticker and/or pass required of all motor vehicles and automobiles.
7. It is the responsibility of each low-speed vehicle/golf cart owner to maintain liability insurance, either as separate motor vehicle insurance or as a rider on such owner's homeowner's insurance.

Operation of low-speed vehicles/golf carts on town roads adjacent to Central Beach is enforced by the Charlestown Police Department. Such roads include: West Beach Road, Sea Breeze Avenue and Sunset Drive.

[FINAL VERSION,
AS AMENDED]

Exhibit H

Beach and Dunes Committee
Annual Report
September 17, 2011

In autumn 2010 the existing snow fence was repaired where possible and other areas were replaced with new fencing where needed. In addition, new posts and fencing were installed extending west from the boardwalk.

We left the boardwalk in place over the winter to help build the dunes. By leaving it in place, it also eliminated the cost of hauling it out in winter and re-installing in spring.

In spring 2011, along with Public Works, we spread out the piles of gravel in the beach parking lot that were left by the snowplows, and repositioned the fallen boulders along the rock wall.

On July 19 we hosted a Salt Pond Safari, presented by the Salt Ponds Coalition, at the Central Beach boat launch area. More than 80 children and adults attended. They helped drag a 30 ft. seine net through the water and then emptied the captured marine life into aquariums for observation and education. It was a fun learning experience.

The beach safety lecture on August 13 was presented by lifeguard/EMT Alex Priest, who is a member of the Charlestown Rescue Squad. He spoke of safety in the water, in particular the riptides, answered questions, and demonstrated the use of the flotation and rescue devices we have available on the beach.

In mid-August the last step down to the beach from the boardwalk became very steep due to the shifting of the sand. The committee and volunteers, guided by Roy Jacobsen, lifted the last section of the boardwalk, dug out the sand along the sides, and repositioned it underneath to make a smooth transition onto the beach.

A late summer beach cleanup completed our season's activities.

Ongoing maintenance of the snow fence and beach area will continue into the fall and winter.

My admiration and gratitude go to our energetic committee of Sue Birk, Paul Cusson, Pat Frost, Roy Jacobsen and Cari Lifgren, and to the Central Beach community who are always willing to lend a hand.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Frost
Commissioner

2011 TENNIS and GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

QUONOCHONTAUG ANNUAL MEETING

Ceil McCulloch, Commissioner

Tennis Courts:

Usage of the Central Beach courts continues to be high. Both nets were replaced at the beginning of the season and the courts inspected by Westborough Tennis. The courts are generally in good shape. The weeds around the courts were trimmed and the poison ivy sprayed.

Thanks to Maria McEnroe who did an excellent job handling the daily sign-up and maintenance. I'd also like to thank the members of the community who used the courts and remembered pick up any trash they brought into the courts.

Fun Run:

The 2011, July 4th Quonnie Fun Run was a success. There were a couple of changes this year that seemed to be successful. The Run started at 7:30; a change that was required by the Charlestown Police but that the runners appreciated because of the more moderate temperature. We also used on-line registration for the first time, which will be continued in the future.

The committee would like to thank all the volunteers who acted as safety officers along the route, supplied water to the participants, helped as runners for Organization Plus, produced the awards certificates, supplied garbage cans, and put out the safety cones. Special thanks to Lynn Goldberg, Sue Wales, Greg Howie, Joe DeMaio, Diane and Mark McEnroe, Ron and Barb Ruel, Bill McNee, Patti Rueff, and Sue Newton. Race results and photos are published on the Quonnie web site.

Quonnie Open:

Greg Howey and a group of hardworking volunteers managed the Quonnie Golf Open on August 5. There were 92 participants who competed at Winnapaug Golf Club for several prizes. The overall winner on the men's side was Dick Stabnick and on the ladies side was Sue Birk. The net champion on the men's side was Dan Fitzgerald and Robin Coogan won the ladies net honors. Ladies net team champs were Susan Birk, Robin Coogan, Rusti Pack, and Joan Crawford, and for the men, Bill Meyer, Andrew Hodge, Mike Hodge, and Spencer Van Pelt. Next year's outing will be held again on August 3rd.

Thanks:

Finally, I'd like to thank my committee members for their efforts: Sue Wales, Lynn Goldberg, Bill McNee, and Greg Howey.

Exhibit J

2011 Ballfield & Playground Report – Mark McEnroe, Commissioner

This year marked the 59th season of one of the things that makes Quonnie special – the softball season. Per long-standing tradition, the season opens on the 4th of July and closes with Labor Day weekend.

Attendance for the kid's softball game, for children ages 3 [a first, this year] to 13, at 8:30 on Saturdays and Sundays, continues to be exceptional, with many new faces joining the regulars each weekend. Spectator support continues to be outstanding.

The Teen game came out of a multi-year hibernation and was again a mostly regular event. Most could not find any sneakers or cleats, but at least they came out.

The Young Men-Old Goats game on Sundays continues to draw strong support, and was typically highly competitive, if not highly accomplished. This season, the Old Goats continued its recent domination of the Young Men, taking the season series 5 games to 2, in a season that saw 3 games lost to a party, a hurricane and a tropical storm.

Special thanks as always to Rich Thomsen for his invaluable and reliable assistance with field preparation and presence at the Kid's game.

This is my final season as Commissioner – it is hard to express how rewarding the last five years have been. The chance to be the self-proclaimed Czar of the Ballfield has been one of the best experiences of my life. I am happy to be welcoming a worthy successor in Mike Flynn, who has probably missed fewer games over the last five years than I have – a true fan and aficionado of Quonnie softball. I am fully confident that I leave one of Quonnie's most cherished traditions in good hands.

Exhibit K

2011 Special Events Annual Report

Special Events had the pleasure of serving this special community with very special events.

- The Opening Picnic,
- the 4th of July Parade,
- THE Dance,
- the Scavenger Hunt,
- the Teen Dance,
- the Social,
- the Sand Castle Contest,
- the Closing Picnic
- and last but not least the merchandise sales were all done to perfection with one of the hardest working teams.

I'd like to acknowledge the committee members as follows:

Elaine and Tom Batista, Sue Birk, Heather Cady, Mary Campbell, Dede Consoli, Pam Furey, Ellen Frost, Shari Frost, Roy Gibbs, Katherine Huntington, Cari Lifgren, Julie Low, Marianne McNee, Sue Newton, Patti Rueff Cheri and Jen Stabnick, Kevin Young, Tiffany Van Elslander, Pat Wildman. Each member has several family members helping as well and special thanks go out to all of you!

The Q Logo sales funds we raise support our Special Events and are used for civic improvement projects and this year the new shed on the ball field was built to replace the "vintage" shed and looks fantastic. We also put electricity to the ball field (welcome to the 20th century) and this will serve us all very well now and in future events. (Thanks to the McEnroe family for the miles of extension cords and use of their electricity in decades past).

Any and all suggestions for civic improvements will be considered in the future so please feel free to bring them to any member of the committee.

We have enjoyed our summer events and are in full swing planning for next summer already.

The parade theme is: Quonnie Watches TV

Until next year, have a healthy and safe "off season".

Barb Ruel

Highlights of the proposed 2012 Budget:

1. Approximately \$8,000 increase in total tax revenues (3.5% above 2011).
2. Expenditures detailed in the 2012 Budget are generally at 2011 levels, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Civic Improvement – other – to fund, as discussed by Civic Improvement, necessary repairs and improvements as required around the FD. In addition, CI has assumed from PW the responsibility for landscape maintenance throughout the FD. The 2012 Budget for CI includes \$6,000 of expense previously included in the PW Budget.
 - b. Civic Improvement – garbage – to fund, as discussed by Civic Improvement, the higher anticipated cost of garbage next year as the previous three year contract with the vendor expires at the end of 2011. An increase of 10% is budgeted.
 - c. Real estate/property – to fund, as discussed by Real Estate, additional survey work of parcels which are owned by the FD, but are outside the originally designated area in the Charter plus the installation of granite markers in several areas around the FD.
 - d. Other loan – no expense budgeted for 2012 as the final principal payment was made as scheduled in 2011.
 - e. Water Conservation Fund – the use of a portion of the Water Conservation Fund, as discussed by Public Works, to complete and implement the repair /rehabilitation of the backup well to decrease the amount of iron in the water and to analyze, formulate, and implement a long term plan to maintain and improve the underground system which distributes water throughout the FD. To fund these projects, \$10,000 will be transferred from the Asset Replacement Fund.
 - f. Asset Replacement Fund – the use of a portion of the Asset Replacement Fund, as discussed by Long Range Planning, for the costs to further research the means to improve the natural water flow in Fresh Pond including the retention of a biologist and outreach efforts to the FD.
 - g. Dunn's Corner Smoothing Fund – to be used in 2011-12 for the purpose of covering any cost increase under the terms of the contract with Dunn's Corner which may exceed the 4.5% increase budgeted.

(Exhibit L, continued)

QCBFD
Reserve Analysis
2011 Annual Meeting

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1						Water		Boat		Asset	Dunn's		Total
2					Contingency	Conservation	Road	Launch	Tennis	Replace	Corner		Restricted
3													
4	Fund balance at 12/31/2010				20,000.00	8,118.50	31,300.00	20,734.86	1,485.00	49,460.39	16,836.87		147,935.62
5													
6	Funding				-	3,000.00	13,000.00	3,150.00	1,445.00	15,000.00	69,500.00		105,095.00
7	Disbursements												
8	Third well				-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
9	Road re-surfacing				-	-	(42,000.00)	-	-	-	-		(42,000.00)
10	Kayak rack				-	-	-	(1,000.00)	-	-	-		(1,000.00)
11	Pond enhancement				-	-	-	(6,000.00)	-	-	-		(6,000.00)
12	2nd half fiscal 2011				-	-	-	-	-	-	(33,150.00)		(33,150.00)
13	1st half fiscal 2012				-	-	-	-	-	-	(34,641.75)		(34,641.75)
14	Total disbursements				-	-	(42,000.00)	(7,000.00)	-	-	(67,791.75)		(116,791.75)
15	Transfer in (out)				-	-	14,000.00	-	-	(14,000.00)	-		-
16													
17	Fund balance at 12/31/2011				20,000.00	11,118.50	16,300.00	16,884.86	2,930.00	50,460.39	18,545.12		136,238.87
18													
19	Funding				-	3,000.00	5,000.00	-	800.00	15,000.00	70,850.00		94,650.00
20	Disbursements												
21	Well repair/rehab				-	(15,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-		(15,000.00)
22	Water line anal/improvs				-	(5,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-		(5,000.00)
23	Pond enhancement				-	-	-	-	-	(5,000.00)	-		(5,000.00)
24	2nd half fiscal 2012				-	-	-	-	-	-	(34,650.00)		(34,650.00)
25	1st half fiscal 2013				-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,200.00)		(36,200.00)
26	Total disbursements				-	(20,000.00)	-	-	-	(5,000.00)	(70,850.00)		(95,850.00)
27	Transfer in (out)				-	10,000.00	-	-	-	(10,000.00)	-		-
28													
29	Fund balance at 12/31/2012				20,000.00	4,118.50	21,300.00	16,884.86	3,730.00	50,460.39	18,545.12		135,038.87

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Board of Governors & Commissioners 2011-2012

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Committee - Joe DeMaio, Mike Divney, Tom Frost, Peter Gaffey, Chris Heep, Ted Kaplan, Ed Mellick, Richard Stabnick

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LONG-RANGE PLANNING - Dick Stabnick 2010

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Committee - Tom Frost, Staci Heep, Kim Marlor, Diane McEnroe, Peter Rettig, Sarah Reynolds, Jim Sears

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COMMISSIONERS NOT MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

BALLFIELD & PLAYGROUND – Michael Flynn 2011

Committee – Mark Alperin, John Crosson, , Paul Cusson, Bob Frazier, John Magenheimer, Vincent Reppuci, Sean Reynolds, Rich Thomsen, Bill Wilson

BOATING – Brewster Blackall 2011

Committee – Bill Carpenter, Peter Gaffey, Julie Low, Marianne McNee, Barry O'Brien, John Rooney, Lonny Rowe (Dockmaster), Andy Sears,

SPECIAL EVENTS – Marilyn Rettig 2011

Committee- Elaine Battista, Tom Battista, Courtney Berckemeyer, Heather Cady, Mary Campbell, Will Carpenter, Dede Consoli, Christine Frazier, Ellen Frost, Sharon Frost, Pam Furey, Roy Gibbs, Missy House, Katherine Huntington, Cari Lifgren, Julie Low, Marianne McNee, Sue Newton, Peggy Ogden, Michele Pallai Reppucci, Sarah Reynolds, Patti Rueff, Barbara Ruel, Neal Simon, Cheri Stabnick, Tiffany VanElslander, Pat Wildman, Kevin Young,

TENNIS & GOLF – Ceil DeMaio 2010

Committee –Maria Bloom, Lynn Goldberg, Greg Howey, Bill McNee, Susan Wales

TAX ASSESSORS – Jack Frost 2011, Tom Farrell, Jr. 2008

PROFESSIONAL STAFF – MANAGER - Peter Whitman
COUNSEL – Philip M. Sloan, Jr.