

**MINUTES
of the
83rd Annual Meeting
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
September 15, 2012**

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 15, 2012, at 10:05 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 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. A simple majority may pass other motions.

A moment of silence was observed for the following QCBFD residents who passed away this year: Walter Doll, Dave Graham, Judy DePatie, Allie Oliva and Bill Wilson.

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, including Dave Devin, Kate Thornton, Wally Kelly, Anne Doyle, Mike Divney, Tom Wildman, Sue Birk, Suzanne O’Brien and Linda Griffith. A round of applause followed.

II. Notification of Annual Meeting and Approval of Minutes from the 2011 QCBFD Annual Meeting:

A MOTION was made that the 2011 Annual Meeting minutes be read aloud. No individual would second the motion and hence it failed.

A MOTION was made to approve the Minutes of the 2011 QCBFD Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed by a vast majority (with a single vote in opposition).

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. Long Range Planning – Dick Stabnick: See attached Exhibit LRP. Dick Stabnick thanked his Long Range Planning Committee members for their dedication and hard work. Dick Stabnick referred to and read from his committee report.

Dick Stabnick discussed the status of the effort to restore Fresh Pond to its original state. Dick Stabnick explained that the Long Range Planning Committee has researched the cleanup of Fresh Pond for seven years, since 2006. Dick Stabnick introduced a representative of the ESS Group, Inc., Mr. Carl Neelson, who performed a study of Fresh Pond for QCBFD. The ESS Report has been submitted to the QCBFD community.

A discussion took place regarding the value of Fresh Pond as a valuable natural asset of the QCBFD community. Aerial photographs taken in 1939 show that QCBFD is losing Fresh Pond. Fresh Pond is roughly one-third the size it was in 1939. Dick Stabnick explained that the committee had investigated various methods of removing the phragmites. A mower would be destroyed by rocks. An infusion of salt water would not work (and CRMC and the State of Rhode Island will not allow a flushing of the Pond with salt water). QCBFD hired ESS to evaluate the safety of the cleanup through the use of a chemical application.

If QCBFD does nothing, it will lose Fresh Pond. QCBFD has applied for a permit with CRMC. If approved, the next step is for QCBFD to file with DEM. As part of the permitting process, QCBFD has notified each abutter of the Fresh Pond (QCBFD sent a letter to each abutter of Fresh Pond). QCBFD also notified the president of QEBA. QCBFD never received a single objection to the cleanup—until two weeks before this Annual Meeting.

Five informational sessions have been held over the past four years (the most recent being held for the QCBFD community on August 24, 2012). Three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, CRMC had said approval was to be given to QCBFD within one week. Then, a resident of QCBFD filed a complaint with CRMC.

Dick Stabnick then opened the floor to questions from residents. A lengthy question and answer period with QCBFD residents followed. Wally Kelly spoke regarding the safety of the QCBFD public water supply.

Carl Nelson of ESS spoke to the community and explained that ESS does not apply herbicides of any kind. He explained that the employees of ESS are scientists, geologists. ESS is not an herbicide applicator. Carl Nelson stated there is no conflict of interest because ESS does not benefit from the application of herbicides.

A MOTION was made on the Fresh Pond Resolution.

Resolved: That the Board of Governors shall be authorized to proceed with the restoration of Fresh Pond, including treatment of all invasive and non-indigenous vegetation.

The motion was seconded. Discussion took place prior to a vote on the motion.

A MOTION was made to “move the question,” end debate on the Fresh Pond Resolution and to vote on the motion as originally presented. The motion to move the question and end debate was seconded. A vote was taken and the motion passed by 65%, with 105 “yes” votes and 55 “no” votes. The motion passed in accordance with Article 3, Section 8 of the QCBFD By-Laws, which requires not less than 65% to pass a new motion.

District Counsel, Jeffrey Knisley, ruled that QCBFD must now vote on the original motion open on the floor, the Fresh Pond Resolution. The original Fresh Pond Resolution motion passed, with 179 “yes” votes, 78 “no” votes and 2 abstentions (including the Absentee Ballot votes).

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 67 “yes” votes, 23 “no” votes and 2 abstentions.

B. Real Estate – Tom Battista: See attached Exhibit B. Tom Battista referred to his report and ended by thanking his committee members, including Mike Divney.

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

- D. Civic Improvement –Bill Heep: See attached Exhibit D. Bill Heep read the attached Civic Improvement report and ended by thanking his committee members.
- E. Police Protection –Michele Pallai Reppucci: See attached Exhibit E. Michele Pallai Reppucci read the attached Police Protection report and ended by thanking her committee members.
- F. Beach & Dunes –Shari Frost: See attached Exhibit F. Shari Frost read the attached report and ended by thanking her committee members.
- G. Tennis & Golf – Joe DeMaio for Cecelia McCulloch: See attached Exhibit G. In Cecelia McCulloch’s absence, Joe DeMaio thanked her committee members.
- H. Ballfield & Playground –Michael Flynn: See attached Exhibit H.
- I. Special Events –Marilyn Rettig: See attached Exhibit I. Marilyn Rettig thanked her committee for its hard work. Marilyn Rettig announced the 2013 Fourth of July Parade theme – “Fables and Fairy Tales.”
- J. Boating – Brewster Blackall: See attached Exhibit J. Brewster Blackall offered a special note of thanks to Lonnie Rowe for serving as “Dock Master,” for his extensive work on both the old and new QCBFD dock and for all he has done to help the QCBFD community over the years.
- K. Finance – Joe DeMaio: See attached Exhibit K. Joe DeMaio discussed the proposed 2013 QCBFD Budget and the Budget Notes, both of which were mailed to all residents. Joe DeMaio explained that the tax increase was held to 2% for 2013.

A MOTION was made that the 2013 Budget (attached hereto as Exhibit K), including an approximate \$4,600 increase in total tax revenues (2.0% above 2012), as approved by the Board of Governors, be approved. Specifically, you are approving the 2013 Budget, including a 2.0% tax increase, and a total tax that will not be less than \$239,000 nor higher than \$243,000. The motion was seconded and passed by a vast majority.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 86 “yes” votes, 2 “no” votes and 4 abstentions.

A MOTION was made that the 2012 Budget previously approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting be amended to authorize the following expenditure: Real estate/property – An additional \$3,000 for the completion of a survey of parcels owned by QCBFD which lie outside of the formal area designated by our charter. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 82 “yes” votes, 8 “no” votes and 2 abstentions.

A MOTION was made that the 2012 Budget previously approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting be amended to authorize the following expenditure: Asset Replacement Fund –An additional \$20,000 for the first phase of the work necessary to restore Fresh Pond. The motion was seconded and passed by a vast majority.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 70 “yes” votes, 19 “no” votes and 3 abstentions.

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 15, 2012, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$239,000 nor higher than \$243,000. Said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges for the interest and indebtedness in whole or 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 2013 at 12:00 noon, according to the law, and shall on the completion of the 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 2013. The Collector of Taxes, on receipt of said assessment, is hereby commanded to proceed and collect said tax on the person and estates liable therefore. Said tax shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day of September 2013, shall carry interest until collected, at a penalty at the rate of 12% per annum upon such unpaid taxes. The motion was seconded and passed by a vast majority.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 86 “yes” votes, 2 “no” votes and 4 abstentions.

L. Merchandise Sales – Peter Rettig: See attached Exhibit L. Peter Rettig thanked his committee members for their hard work.

M. Nominating Committee – Sue Birk: See attached Exhibit M. Sue Birk thanked her committee members. Sue Birk read the slate of QCBFD’s Board of Governors and Commissioners (see attached Exhibit M).

A MOTION was made that the attached slate of the Board of Governors and Commissioners for the 2012-2013 year (Exhibit M) as recommended by the Nominating Committee be approved. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 90 “yes” votes, 0 “no” votes and 2 abstentions.

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. Charter Amendments: Stephen Long introduced the motion to amend the QCBFD Charter, explaining that, for years, QCBFD's By-Laws have not been in sync with its Charter.

A MOTION was made to amend the QCBFD Charter.

Resolved: That the QCBFD Charter be amended as follows:

A. In section 1, update 1930 legal description of QCBFD which uses owner's names and other natural boundaries to a description based on the survey prepared by Wesley Grant, III, PLS and filed with the Town Clerk of the Town of Charlestown, RI on September 29, 2011 as Document 2075. The area within the QCBFD would not be modified in any way beyond a change in the wording of the description. If this is problematic for the General Assembly, we will retain historical description and have Wes Grant certify that it is consistent with the QCBFD survey mentioned above.

B. Change section 2 of the Charter regarding eligible voters, to be consistent and aligned with QCBFD By-Laws in every respect.

C. In section 3 change the fixed date for the QCBFD Annual Meeting from the second Saturday after Labor Date to any Saturday between June 1st and September 30th in each year at 10:00 a.m. daylight saving time at a convenient place within or without the district as determined by the Board of Governors.

D. In section 4 change reference to electing Officers, and Tax Assessors to be in alignment with QCBFD By-Laws regarding term of Officers, Governors and the appointment of Tax Assessors.

E. Amend section 5 to be consistent with the QCBFD By-Laws in calling a special meeting by the Board of Governors or by petition of Eligible voters representing at least 30 lots.

F. In section 6 add language to allow QCBFD to accept grants and gifts.

The motion was seconded. Discussion took place prior to a vote on the motion.

A MOTION was made to delete paragraph “A” of the above Charter amendment motion. The motion to delete paragraph “A” of the Charter amendment motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The original motion, as amended by the deletion of paragraph “A,” was then voted on. The motion, as amended, passed by a vast majority. The approved motion, as amended, reads in its entirety as follows:

Resolved: That the QCBFD Charter be amended as follows:

- A. Change section 2 of the Charter regarding eligible voters, to be consistent and aligned with QCBFD By-Laws in every respect.**
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VI. Legal Resolutions:

QCBFD’s legal counsel, Jeffrey Knisley, 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 with one objection.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 84 “yes” votes and 2 “no” votes and 6 abstentions.

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.

Pat Wildman certified Absentee Ballot votes of 90 “yes” votes and 0 “no” votes and 2 abstentions.

VII. Adjournment – Stephen Long:

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

A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR
THE 83rd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT
QUONOCHONTAUG GRANGE
10:00 A.M., SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

Exhibit A

Call to Order and Opening Remarks Stephen Long, Moderator

Notification of Annual Meeting and Approval of Minutes from 2011 Annual Meeting Heather Cady, Clerk

Committee Reports:

Real Estate and Property

Tom Battista

Public Works

George Prior

Long Range Planning

Dick Stabnick

Civic Improvement

Bill Heep

Police Protection

Michele Pallai Reppucci

Beaches and Dunes

Shari Frost

Tennis and Golf

Cecelia McCulloch

Ballfield and Playground

Michael Flynn

Special Events

Marilyn Rettig

Merchandise Sales

Peter Rettig

Boating

Brewster Blackall

Finance

Joe DeMaio

Report of Nominating Committee

Sue Birk

Annual Election of Officers

Stephen Long, Moderator

Old Business

Stephen Long, Moderator

New Business

Stephen Long, Moderator

Legal Resolutions

Attorney Jeff Knisley

Adjournment

Stephen Long, Moderator

Exhibit LRP

August 28, 2012

LONG-RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Long-Range Committee was formulated to look at broad issues which may affect the District in future years, including provisions of the District's Charter and By-Laws, as well as maintaining an adequate water supply and the taxing powers of the District. The issues reviewed by the Committee are generally identified by the Committee itself or by the Board of Governors. It is the Committee's directive to present an analysis to the Board of Governors and, if requested, perform a more detailed investigation or analysis with recommendations then made to the Board of Governors for its review and action.

It was at the request of the Board that the Long-Range Planning Committee analyzed and investigated the gradual deterioration of West Pond due to the invasive non-indigenous plant life; i.e., phragmites. After several years of research, the Committee came to the conclusion that steps needed to be taken to prevent the pond's continued deterioration keeping in mind several critical points:

1. West Pond is a valuable and irreplaceable asset owned entirely by Quonocotaug Central Beach Fire District and is one of the few freshwater ponds located close to the ocean.
2. As an asset of the community, the Central Beach Fire District is responsible for the pond's health and maintenance.
3. Aerial photographs from 1939 to the present clearly reflect and evidence the pond's reduction in size to the point where it is now less than one half of the size it was in 1939.
4. The pond is not healthy and is gradually shrinking and dying because of the invasive growth of phragmites.
5. The only remedy to save the pond is to destroy or eradicate the phragmites.
6. Investigation shows that the only viable means to eliminate the phragmites would be through the successful use of spraying material (Rodeo).
7. This spraying, in order to be effective, must take place by mid-October.

Exhibit LRP, continued.

8. The spraying itself takes approximately one or two days and is directed at the phragmite plants only and sprayed by hand. The pond water itself, as a body of water will not be sprayed and although some spray may hit the pond water indirectly the spray will not affect other plants in the pond. At some point, during the winter after the phragmites have been treated, the plants will be cut and can be removed from the area but this will entail an additional cost.

9. The Committee has received research material and has contacted experts, including biologists, which indicates that the spray material is safe for humans, fish, fowl and other plant and tree life since it only has a shelf life of approximately 48 hours, as evidenced by the government studies and the material data sheets. All of the experts contacted and the research obtained show that the spray material is only destructive to the phragmites and the application is to the plant material itself performed by hand and not through use of land or amphibious apparatus.

10. The water in the pond is not sprayed in any fashion or form. While the permit from the CRMC allows for 10 years of treatment, the project itself is generally successful over a three-year period, where 80% of the phragmites is eliminated in the first year, and 20% of the balance eliminated in the second year. All of the materials should be removed by the third year with the reseedling of the areas with vegetation native to the area.

11. The funding for the spraying will be taken from the Asset Replacement Fund with no incremental cost to the residents by means of a tax increase. There is a means available where an application can be filed with the state of Rhode Island and a grant awarded for the full reimbursement to the community for the spraying process.

12. Testing of the pond water will be done before and 48 hours after the spraying with the well and pond water itself tested annually thereafter.

13. Failure of the community to undertake the elimination of the phragmites through this spraying will result in the complete elimination or loss of the pond and consequently the loss of a valuable asset to the community.

Exhibit LRP, continued.

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14. On the other hand, restoration of the pond will allow for the return of native aquatic and animal life to the area.

15. Representatives from Central Beach and East Beach have had an informal meeting to discuss the proposed project. In addition, a prior study was performed in 2006 at the request of the Central Beach Fire District and that study, together with other compiled literature support the spraying process. This information, together with material data sheets on the spraying material, as well as the articles from experts and agencies in the field are available from the Board of Governors and/or the Committee upon request. The committee has received materials concerning the spraying project and the use of the herbicide involved including positive recommendations from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and Ecosystem Investment Partners whose sole mission is wetland remediation.

The Board of Governors have agreed to put the question of the process to the community for a vote at the annual meeting, taking into account all of the aforementioned items listed, including the health and welfare of the community and its residents. The vote of the community is limited to the simple question as to whether we proceed with the spraying project or decline to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard T. Stabnick,
Long-Range Planning Committee
Chairman

Exhibit B

2012 REAL ESTATE ANNUAL REPORT

THOMAS M. BATTISTA COMMISSIONER

CONSTRUCTION: The 2011-2012 home construction and remodel period was at an all time high. 7 New homes and 6 re-models. A note of thanks to those residents who respected the summertime quiet.

SURVEY: the QCBFD and the CB owned property survey is complete and has been registered with the town of Charlestown. Monuments have been placed, identifying the three CB pathways to the beach.

COMMITTEE: Thanks to the committee, Dick Stabnick, Ed Mellick, Peter Gaffey, Chris Heep, Ted Kaplan, with particular recognition to Mike Divney for all his help and expertise on the Survey project

Exhibit C

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE REPORT Annual Meeting 2012

Our public water system continues to work well to supply high quality water to our residents. Our consumption has remained consistently around five and a half to six and a half million gallons per year and three and a half million gallons for the summer months.

There was a construction break of a main in May which was repaired quickly with minimum interruption to water service to the community.

A number of people have requested to be connected to our public water supply instead of continuing on their own wells and we've done that.

Our secondary well, well number two which we use as a backup to our primary well number one was rebuilt and redeveloped in March of this year with very good results. The production of that well had diminished to half of what well one could produce and had considerable iron in it. It now can give us a flow equal to well one when we need it with only a small amount of iron in that water. For all intents and purposes it is a new well. The cone of influence around that second well is smaller than well one and therefore draws down further than well one when pumping and stabilizes at a lower level. Well one remains our primary source but we're secure in knowing that we have a good backup. Well one will undergo a rebuild this fall or winter. It is approximately fifty five years old and the casing has rusted badly and so needs to be replaced along with the screen and then redeveloped just as we did with well two. Well two was Sixty five years old.

We're still getting high copper readings in the newer houses. We had believed that the change in ph control chemistry was reducing the copper leaching out of the pipes in those houses but our test results have been inconsistent. Passivating the water to solve this has been approved by the Board and the application approved by RIDOH and although we have been wanting to avoid doing it, we may institute it soon. It should be noted that there is no copper in the water being delivered. It's an occurrence in certain houses with newer copper plumbing. Although there is little health risk to copper even at levels above State guidelines, we suggest those people affected run water before drinking.

We've been aware that some homes are living with less than optimum water pressure even though the new system is distributing a steady sixty pounds to all the streets. So if you think your pressure isn't what it should be, please contact me, George Prior at 322-7708 or 450-5714 and let me know. We will determine if the pressure is under what we think it should be and correct it. That is done by digging to the curb stop and the saddle valve on the main and cleaning or replacing those items. So it is costly but we are committing to do a few a year where necessary taking worst cases first.

Rhode Island DOH requires check valves be installed on all new construction and major remodels. We ask those be installed on all remodels and existing houses hooking up to our water as well. In that vein, we're aware that a number of boost pumps exist in this

Exhibit C, continued.

community and people should know that if they have one, it has to have a low pressure limiter and a check valve according to the RI plumbing code. We suspect that few of these are in use as we have good water pressure all the time now but if they are, be aware of those regulations. And of course, we don't allow any cross connections between wells and community water.

We thank you all for respecting our lawn watering rules and urge you to continue being conscious of not wasting water.

Lastly, I need to thank the people on the public Works Committee, Dick Campbell, Jim Montstream, Tom Doyle, Bill Meyer, John Rooney and Wally Kelly. John and Wally need some special thanks for their almost daily contributions to the workings of this committee. John is on call it seems with many of the water turn-offs and turn-ons and other requests. And Wally for his technical support and expertise. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,
George Prior

Exhibit D

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE 2012 REPORT

TRASH/RECYCLING

QCBFD is moving toward completion of year one of a five-year contract with Ed Palmer Disposal. Collection has gone smoothly. Trash and recycling were collected on every pick-up day with twice-weekly collections ending September 7th. Fall weekly collections extend through November 26th.

Please contact Ed Palmer at 401-623-1249 to arrange for winter season collection or to make arrangements for special pick-ups.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Dunn's Corners fire chief reminds all residents to display house numbers that are clearly visible from the street. Homeowners 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 either a fire or a false alarm. If you don't have a local person available, the fire department has lock boxes available (similar to a real estate lock box) which can only be opened by the fire department, and which will allow entry in your absence. Further information on ordering a lock box may be obtained on the website: www.dunnscornersfire.com or by contacting Chief Frink at 401-322-5077.

The fire department also requests that trees adjacent to your property be trimmed to a height of 13'6" for fire department equipment access.

QCBFD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The Fire District has continued our contractor relationship with Total Property Maintenance and Civic Improvement is now responsible for management of all mowing and brush cutting for district property. This includes ball field, tennis, shuffle board and basketball courts, pump house, boat landing, rights-of-way and roadside maintenance as required. TPM and Peter Whitman have worked closely with the committee to provide special services when requested such as clearing ball field and tennis court fences.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Several community projects have been initiated or completed during the past twelve months:

Playground: With the help of the Seaside Gardeners, grass was planted and the barrier garden was renovated. The new water fountain was completed and is a great addition.

Ball field: Repairs were completed on the outfield fence and the bleachers were repainted.

Flag pole: The flag pole had become non-functional as a result of corrosion. A new swivel assembly was successfully installed, and a shout-out to Tom Reilly of Narragansett Flags for his help in a difficult repair process.

Tennis courts: Both benches at the courts were renovated and the north bench has been dedicated in memory of Dave Graham. The south bench is dedicated to the memory of Nelson Thorpe. Also, new restricted parking signs were installed, and they seem to have succeeded in discouraging non-residents from parking and walking into our beach.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Thanks to Suzanne and Barry O'Brien for once again running Civic Improvement's collection of food for the benefit of the Charlestown Food Pantry. In 2011, we collected well over 220 cans of food plus many jars, boxes and packages of everything from pasta to laundry detergent to Bloody Mary mix and wasabi sauce. However, we also received lots of expired or opened foods which could not be used. Collection will continue through November 25th at 19 Lucas Avenue, and the committee hopes to expand participation in this worthwhile community relationship-building program.

The committee also wants to recognize the efforts of Ann and Tom Doyle, along with many community volunteers, for organizing and participating in the Earth Day 2012 clean-up program. This was the 15th year of our clean-up effort, and it is always amazing to see the volume of debris that accumulates around the community.

And finally, to the committee members: Ellen Frost, George Gray, Katherine Huntington, Len Kovacs, Suzanne O'Brien, Randy Thornton and Neal Simon for their participation, suggestions and encouragement. And, a thank you to my predecessor, Peter Rettig for shepherding several projects during the 2011 transition.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Heep

Exhibit E

2012 QCBFD Police Commission Report

The Police Protection Committee has been involved in a number of issues, some raising discussions among community members; these are presented below.

Vandalism: During the winter, there were two incidents of theft from construction sites in the QCBFD reported to the Charlestown Police Department. On June 29, a mailbox was blown up by fireworks. The following night five mailboxes were vandalized all located on Ninigret Ave. and Kenyon Ave. The Charlestown Police Department identified the individual responsible for damage to these five mailboxes, and reparations were made to property owners. The individual was from outside of the QCBFD community.

Beach Passes: There has been an increasing number of misplaced and/or lost beach parking passes in the past few years by both property owners and renters. Additionally, misuse of replaced passes and duplication of passes have been noted. Presently the fee to replace a beach pass is \$50.00; it has been decided to increase the replacement fee for next season. Notice will be sent with the spring mailing.

Block Trash/Dog Rules: Throughout the summer, there have been complaints regarding trash on and around the block. Our guards are continually reminded to take their trash with them and to a certain degree are responsible for some of the litter. However it is not uncommon for others to leave their trash at the block assuming it will be disposed of. There were also a number of complaints of dogs off leash, and animal waste not properly being disposed of. Please be mindful not to leave any trash at the block, and all dogs must be on leashes with their waste picked up.

On July 7, 2012, Jim Sears, a Police Protection committee member, along with one of his peers, met with a number of teenagers at the Reppucci home with parental consent but without parents. (Due to scheduling conflicts, a Charlestown police officer was unable to attend.) The purpose of the meeting was to remind teens to keep noise levels to a minimum and to be especially mindful of their neighbors, be respectful of their community, to each other, and to the police. The meeting was well received by both the teens and their parents.

I would like to acknowledge my committee members for their assistance: Tom Frost, Staci Heep, Kim Marlor, Peter Rettig, Sarah Reynolds, Jim Sears. A special thank you to Diane McEnroe for scheduling our young people who attend to the beach gate during the week.

Respectfully submitted,
Michele Pallai Reppucci

Exhibit F

Beach and Dunes Committee Annual Report September 15, 2012

The Beach and Dunes Committee (B&D) had a busy year trying to keep the beach usable for our community. In spring, to bolster the existing snow fence, we had lateral fencing installed to capture as much sand as possible. It turned out to be fortunate timing as the strong storms later buffeted the beach; the fences held and helped restore much of the sand that had been washed away. As the spring/summer season progressed, we alternately gained and lost beach, but for the most part Central Beach fared well.

In May, volunteers working with B&D planted 300 pots of American Beach Grass at the west end of the beach; and it is doing well.

Boardwalk maintenance was minimal: anti-slip strips, fixing loose boards, lowering the last step; and it remains in good shape.

On August 8 B&D hosted a salt pond safari on Quonnie Pond presented by the Salt Ponds Coalition.

On August 19 B&D hosted a beach safety program presented by the Charlestown Ambulance Corps.

A beach clean-up was held on August 25.

B&D was asked by the Board of Governors to implement a program to eradicate the invasive non-indigenous sedge that has invaded the beach, choking out the helpful plantings; and replant with native dune grass and shrubs where needed. After much research and preparation, a plan has been formulated. Please see the attached report.

My gratitude goes to the very dedicated and responsible committee of Sue Birk, Paul Cusson, Pat Frost, Roy Jacobsen, Cari Lifgren and Regina Rizzuto, who are committed to keeping our beach and dunes as healthy as possible. And, as always, our B&D team extends its thanks to the Central Beach community who are always willing to help.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Frost
Commissioner

Exhibit F, continued.

Central Beach Dune Restoration Project

August 27, 2012

Last summer, the Beach and Dunes Committee (B&D) was asked by the Board of Governors to investigate an expanse of "weeds" that was taking over our dune and moving towards the beach. After consulting US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and other biologists, we learned that this weed is Carex Kobomugi or Asiatic Sand Sedge- a highly invasive non-indigenous weed.

Not only has this weed colonized the fore dune but it has killed much of the native American Beach Grass and is now moving into the back dune where it will compete with the helpful vegetation. Asiatic Sand Sedge has been identified as an ecological threat. Areas which are dominated by this weed out-compete native species and make our dune vulnerable to wind blow outs and storms. American Beach Grass provides a deeper, more helpful root system, but it cannot compete with the sedge. We also discovered that there are sections of the dune that are open sand and not covered by any vegetation, making them ripe for colonization by the Asiatic Sedge. In May, 2012 B&D planted 300 rooted pots of American Beach Grass in the most vulnerable areas on the west side of the beach near the right of way. These plants seem to be doing well and will help catch sand and restore this area.

The USFWS has worked with other RI communities and the State in spearheading efforts to remove Asiatic Sedge. They have been working with the State of RI at the State Beach east of Blue Shutters and have had success in eradicating Asiatic Sedge from the fore dune areas. The B&D Committee has received help and encouragement from USFWS in dealing with this invasive species; assisting and guiding us in the early stages of our own project.

B&D and the Board of Governors are committed to a plan to eradicate Asiatic Sedge and to help restore our dune. This will be a three year project. This past spring, the Board of Governors gave B&D the go ahead, after seeking three bids, to work with Natural Resource Services (NRS), an experienced firm that worked on this same project with USFWS and Second Beach in Middletown RI.

NRS developed a plan to secure a permit from Coastal Resource Management Commission (CRMC) which regulates all work near or on RI beaches. We received the permit on August 16th. NRS will work with B&D to manage this project over the next three years. The plan calls for using weed control in late September/October each year, commencing this fall. Once eradication is accomplished we will restore the dune areas with American Beach Grass and other species which will help protect our dune. In future years some spot spraying may be needed to eradicate isolated sedge.

Much preparation was done to carefully determine our beach boundaries. Thanks to the Real Estate Committee and the digital mapping system, this was made easier.

The spray schedule was approved by CRMC and will be done by Aquatic Control Technology, Inc., a fully licensed firm with experience in this particular work.

Please see the back of this page for Questions and Answers.

Central Beach Dune Restoration Project

Questions and Answers:

Exhibit F, continued.

1. Where did this sedge come from?

Carex kobomugi (Asiatic sand sedge) is a non-indigenous invasive weed whose native range is the coastal areas of NE Asia, and may have been introduced into the US as a result of its use as a packing material in ship cargo.

2. Why do we need to spray? Can't we just let the Asiatic Sedge spread?

The Sedge, if left, is an ecological threat to the diversity of the dune. It will kill all remaining vegetation including the American Beach Grass which has greater ability to hold the dune during storms. Asiatic Sedge also makes our dune vulnerable to storm and wind blow outs. (See Narrative report)

3. What's the urgency?

At present most of the Asiatic Sedge is in the fore dune and is invading the beach area. You will notice it as you go down the boardwalk to the right of the dune and extending west. However, we are seeing evidence that the sedge is now invading the dune itself. We want to eradicate it before it takes over larger areas.

4. What is being sprayed?

Approximately 9000 sq feet, mostly behind the fenced areas in the fore dune will be sprayed. This same area will be sprayed in the same time frame in 2012, 2013 and 2014. The boardwalk entry way to the beach will be closed for one day. There are no required (labeled) re-entry restrictions. Signs will be posted around the perimeter of the treatment areas. All other entry ways to the beach will remain open that day.

5. Is the spraying safe?

Spraying will be done by a state licensed and experienced company (Aquatic Control Technology) in late September/ early October when there are few people on the beach. All safety protocols required by DEM and CRMC will be followed. Most of the spraying will be in the dune behind the snow fenced areas where people are not allowed access. Sprayed areas will be identified with marker dye and signs will be posted to stay off.

6. What chemicals will be used and are they safe?

Chemicals used will be Habitat and Aqua Pro . The latter is a form of Round Up and quickly dissipates. Both of these chemicals are designed to be used on land near water, but are far enough away not to affect the actual beach or water areas.

7. What is East Beach doing?

East Beach is not planning to spray this fall.

8. Have other beaches been affected and what are they doing?

The town of Middletown has had a similar project on Second Beach in which they worked closely with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. This project was handled by the same firms who are proposed to do our project at Central Beach. The State of Rhode Island, along with USFWS is in year 2 of a sedge eradication program at the State Beach near Blue Shutters.

9. Will the Asiatic Sedge grass just come back?

The plan is to vegetate the sprayed areas with American Beach Grass and other native dune species (e.g. beach plum) in year 3 (2014/2015) of the project. Careful monitoring will be needed in the future to ensure that isolated sedge will be removed with spot spraying in late September.

10. What will it cost?

Approximately \$2,000 per year through 2015 for spraying, monitoring and reporting to CRMC. The cost of replanting the treated areas in 2014-15 is unknown and will depend on the number/types of plants needed, volunteer involvement, etc.

Call or email a Beach and Dunes committee member if you have additional questions.

2012 TENNIS and GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

QUONOCHONTAUG ANNUAL MEETING

Ceil McCulloch, Commissioner

Tennis Courts:

Westborough Tennis replaced net anchors on both courts at the beginning of this season. The courts are still in good shape, but we will have Westborough inspect them with regard to the finish at the beginning of next season. The weeds around the courts were trimmed twice this summer.

Thanks everyone who used the courts and cleaned up when finished; the courts belong to the community and we are all responsible for maintaining them.

Once again Maria McEnroe did a nice job opening and closing the courts each day, and posting the sign-up sheets.

Fun Run:

The 2012, July 4th Quonnie Fun Run was a success in spite of rain in the early morning. Because of the weather, there were fewer runners this year than in prior years: 102 people finished the race. Again this year people were encouraged to register on-line to participate, and many more runners took advantage of that option. We will continue to use the on-line service in the future. Race results and photos are published on the Quonnie web site.

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.

Unfortunately on race day I didn't do an adequate job of thanking the individuals who helped out, so I would to rectify that error here. Thanks to: Diane and Mark McEnroe for the use of their garage and electricity and finish line assistance, Patti Reuff and Phoebe Newton for the finish-line photos, Sue Newton for preparing the winners' certificates, Alison and Kristin Wales for decorating the winners' certificates, Kate Thornton for the e-mail blasts, and Ron and Barb Ruel for running their water station.

Finally, because Bill Meyer reluctantly acquiesced to family pressure and agreed not to run this year, we are officially retiring Bib Number 1.

Quonnie Open:

Greg Howey and a group of hardworking volunteers managed the Quonnie Golf Open on August 3rd at Elmridge Golf Course. Winners were as follows:

Men: The low net team was David and Colin Feeney, Gregory Boyd and Spencer Van Pelt. Dick Stabnick won low gross and Mike Meyer won low net.

Women: The low net team was Marianne McNee, Michelle Delmhorst, Dee Kimball and Diana McVey. Diane McVey won low gross and Michelle Delmhorst won low net.

Next year's outing will be held on August 9. Contact Greg to sign up or for a volunteer opportunity.

Thanks:

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

2012 BALLFIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

QUONOCHONTAUG ANNUAL MEETING

Michael S. Flynn, Commissioner

Usage of the ballfield for a variety of community activities and events continues to be high. The summer softball season was a success. Beginning at the end of June and through the end of August, we have had kids' games every Saturday and Sunday mornings beginning at 8:30 a.m. There were no rainouts the entire summer. Many children and grandchildren of QCBFD residents participated regularly, as did renters and children from East Beach. In July, we also had a strong turnout for the teenager game most weekend mornings following the kids' game. Teenager attendance waned a bit in August, but we were happy with the teen's interest in the early part of the summer. It seemed to many of us to be greater than in many prior years. And, of course, 2012 marked another successful season for the Old Goats/Young Men's rivalry each Sunday morning.

In addition to softball, the ballfield was also used by the community as the location of the Quonnie Dance in July. The Reppucci's hosted a cook-out for the kids with ballfield-type food (hotdogs and peanuts) the day after the Quonnie Dance to give the kids a treat and entice them to come to play, despite the late start necessitated by the take down of the tent used for the Dance the night before. The kids loved it. The ballfield also played host for the Quonnie Social in August, as well as pony rides one weekend, not to mention serving as our gathering ground to salute America on the 4th of July after the Quonnie Parade.

Bill Meyer organized and ran a moving memorial to Bill Wilson at the ballfield this summer. It was a terrific tribute to Mr. Wilson and his commitment to QCBFD and its summer softball tradition.

I'd like to thank all the parents and grandparents who bring their children and grandchildren to the ballfield and who themselves come and watch the ball games. It really is one of the best things about summer in Quonnie. I'd also like to thank Mark McEnroe for his guidance and support as I transitioned to the role of Commissioner this year. My thanks also goes out to Rich Thomsen, who helps all summer by catching for me (which, if you've seen me pitch, is not without its challenges). Thanks, too, to Tommy Lanna and Matt DeFusco for guest catching on a few occasions. Most of all, thanks to the kids for coming out and partaking in the great summer softball tradition in Quonnie.

Exhibit I

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

The Special Events Committee was busy this year. All events came in at or under budget, and were well-attended. Our 2013 budget reflects no increases and we will be requesting the same funding from the Community Sales Committee as this year.

I'd like to thank all committee members and most especially, the event chairs for their creativity and hard work; and welcome new and continuing chairs:

Opening Picnic: Thanks to Katherine Huntington and Sue Newton for their work on this fun event. Next year's picnic will be held on **June 29th** and will be chaired by Carrie Lifgren, Katherine Huntington, and Julie Low.

Parade: Thanks to Mary Campbell, Ellen Frost and Tom Battista for their many years of service. They have agreed to shepherd the new chairs, Michelle Pallai and Pat Lewers who have graciously agreed to step up. The Parade will be held on **July 4th** with a rain date of **Saturday, July 6th**. Next year's theme will be "Fables and Fairy Tales."

Quonnie Dance: Thanks to Patti Rueff and her committee Shari Frost, Katherine Huntington, Elaine Battista for a fun evening. Next year's dance will be on **July 20th** and Patti, Sue Newton and Tiffany Van Elslander will chair it.

Scavenger Hunt: Thanks to Tiffany Van Elslander, Marianne McNee and Carrie Lifgren for chairing this event and for agreeing to continue as chairs for next year's hunt which will be held on **July 25th**.

Children's Dances: Thanks to Courtenay Berckenmeyer for organizing this event. She will continue as chair next year. The dates for the dances are **July 10th** and **August 13th**.

The Social: This year's Social was a great success with nearly 180 people in attendance. Thanks to Christine Frazier, Will Carpenter and Katherine Huntington and their committee for a great evening. All have agreed to continue their commitment next year. The date for next year's Social is **August 3rd**.

Sandcastle Contest: Thanks to Courtenay Berckmeyer, Carrie Lifgren, Tiffany Van Elslander and Marianne McNee for their efforts on this event. They have agreed to continue next year. The date for the contest is **August 17th**.

Labor Day Picnic: Dede Consoli and Elaine Battista have agreed to chair this event next year on **August 31st**.

Pony Rides: Thanks to Neal Simon, Lady and Star. We'll see them again on **July 4th** next year!

Special Events also produced the 2012 Quonnie Directory. This will be the last printed directory. We are happily turning this over to the Communications Committee who will take it digital.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Rettig

Exhibit J

Boating Report 2012 Annual Meeting

The boating season this year is best described as status quo. Intended new racks to increase capacity have been delayed until fall or early spring. Racked or on-ground boats/kayaks now number approx. 105 and we issued 97 stickers. I decided against another bike rack as most bikers do not use the one there - a small nuisance.

There was an unfortunate long delay in timely receiving some town issued mooring stickers. We have no control of that and the cause was too late inspections by one of the authorized private mooring maintainers. I would like to know the names and mooring numbers of any CB residents who had this problem (as did I), which I will take up with the harbormaster.

Please contact me with any comments, problems or questions.

Brewster Blackall, Boating Chairman
401-322-7010 / cell 860-280-8335

QCBFD
Budget Presentation
2012 Annual Meeting

Exhibit K

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1						0.00%	3.50%		2.00%
2						Actual	Budget	Forecast	Budget
3						12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2012	12/31/2013
4	Sources of funds - operating								
5	Tax revenue					227,248.71	235,266.89	235,167.46	239,900.00
6	Lease to tennis club					1,384.25	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
7	Road impact fees					6,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00	3,000.00
8	Boat sticker fees					2,760.00	-	-	-
9	Lost beach pass fees					50.00	-	150.00	-
10	Other income					10,664.13	-	-	-
11	Interest income					379.93	400.00	75.00	125.00
12	Cumulative surplus					40,797.90	-	11,428.43	-
13						289,284.92	240,016.89	253,170.89	244,375.00
14	Uses of funds - operating								
15	Professional fees					-	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,000.00
16	Charter, legal, negotiation fees					4,286.55	10,000.00	10,000.00	7,500.00
17	Record digitization/communication					2,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	3,500.00
18	Administration					3,077.43	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,500.00
19	Memberships (Salt Ponds/RISC/Hist Soc)					400.00	400.00	400.00	500.00
20	Ball field/playground					363.99	500.00	500.00	500.00
21	Beach/dunes					1,725.42	1,850.00	1,850.00	2,850.00
22	Boating/docking					321.06	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
23	CI - Other					3,000.60	9,000.00	9,000.00	10,500.00
24	CI - Garbage					25,001.00	27,500.00	27,500.00	27,500.00
25	Police/security					5,884.73	9,250.00	8,000.00	8,750.00
26	PW - Water operator (includes NE)					9,345.00	7,850.00	7,850.00	8,200.00
27	PW - Water system					19,828.27	17,500.00	17,500.00	17,300.00
28	PW - Roads					10,638.32	6,500.00	6,500.00	6,350.00
29	Real estate/property					11,260.00	5,000.00	7,987.59	2,000.00
30	Mapping project					-	500.00	-	2,000.00
31	Tennis					1,095.75	1,800.00	1,150.00	1,400.00
32	Water project loan - principal/interest					14,400.00	14,400.00	14,400.00	14,400.00
33	Water project loan - prepayment					20,915.00	-	11,568.30	-
34	Other loan - principal/interest					10,850.49	-	-	-
35	Taxes (Charlestown)					4,907.32	5,750.00	4,600.00	5,000.00
36	Insurance					15,562.51	17,500.00	17,000.00	17,750.00
37	Transfer to water conservation fund					3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	5,000.00
38	Transfer to road fund					16,000.00	5,000.00	7,000.00	5,000.00
39	Transfer to boat launch fund					2,760.00	-	-	-
40	Transfer to tennis fund					1,445.00	800.00	1,465.00	800.00
41	Transfer to asset replacement fund					15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
42	Transfer to Dunn's Corner smoothing fund					69,500.00	70,850.00	70,850.00	74,300.00
43	Transfer to mapping fund					5,288.05	-	-	-
44	Transfer to miscellaneous income					11,428.43	-	-	-
45	Miscellaneous expense					-	266.88	250.00	275.00
46						289,284.92	240,016.88	253,170.89	244,375.00
47									
48	Net increase (decrease) - operating						-	0.00	-
49									

Exhibit K, continued.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N
1						Water		Boat			Asset	Dunn's		Total
2					Contingency	Conservation	Road	Launch	Mapping	Tennis	Replace	Corner		Restricted
3														
4	Fund balance at 12/31/2011				20,000.00	11,118.50	10,300.00	21,994.86	5,288.05	2,930.00	64,460.39	18,458.93		154,550.73
5														
6		Funding			-	3,000.00	7,000.00	-	-	1,465.00	15,000.00	70,850.00		97,315.00
7		Disbursements												
8		Well repair/rehab			-	(15,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(15,000.00)
9		Water line anal/improvs			-	(5,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(5,000.00)
10		Survey/monuments			-	-	-	-	(5,288.05)	-	-	-		(5,288.05)
11		Pond restoration			-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,000.00)	-		(25,000.00)
12		2nd half fiscal 2012			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(34,727.94)		(34,727.94)
13		1st half fiscal 2013			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,290.70)		(36,290.70)
14		Total disbursements			-	(20,000.00)	-	-	(5,288.05)	-	(25,000.00)	(71,018.64)		(121,306.69)
15		Transfer in (out)			-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	(10,000.00)	-		-
16														
17	Fund balance at 12/31/2012				20,000.00	4,118.50	17,300.00	21,994.86	-	4,395.00	44,460.39	18,290.29		130,559.04
18														
19		Funding			-	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	-	800.00	15,000.00	74,300.00		100,100.00
20		Disbursements												
21		Well repair/rehab			-	(10,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(10,000.00)
22		Water line anal/improvs			-	(5,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(5,000.00)
23		Pump house equip			-	(4,000.00)	-	-	-	-	-	-		(4,000.00)
24		Pond restoration			-	-	-	-	-	-	(5,000.00)	-		(5,000.00)
25		Dune improvement			-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,000.00)	-		(3,000.00)
26		2nd half fiscal 2013			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(36,300.00)		(36,300.00)
27		1st half fiscal 2014			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(38,000.00)		(38,000.00)
28		Total disbursements			-	(19,000.00)	-	-	-	-	(8,000.00)	(74,300.00)		(101,300.00)
29		Transfer in (out)			-	10,000.00	-	-	-	-	(10,000.00)	-		-
30														
31	Fund balance at 12/31/2013				20,000.00	118.50	22,300.00	21,994.86	-	5,195.00	41,460.39	18,290.29		129,359.04

Exhibit K, continued.

Highlights of the proposed 2013 Budget:

1. Tax Revenue is budgeted to increase by approximately \$4,600 which is a 2.0% increase from 2012. We anticipate that the completion of several large construction projects by June 30, 2013, will result in an increase in the cumulative assessment of the FD. Such an increase in overall assessment will result in the typical tax invoice in 2013 being less than a 2.0% increase. For example, the 2012 Budget anticipated an increase in Tax Revenue of 3.5% yet the typical tax invoice increased by only +/-2.83% due to the increase in the FD's overall assessment of +/- \$1,600,000. The actual increase in assessment will be determined by the Town of Charlestown and used by the FD's Tax Assessors to calculate the FD taxes on individual lots and will not be known until after June 30, 2013.
2. Expenditures detailed in the 2013 Budget are generally at 2012 levels, with the following exceptions:
 - a. Communication – to fund, as discussed by the Communication task force, the redesign and enhancement of the website.
 - b. Beaches and Dunes – to fund, as discussed by Beaches and Dunes, the additional costs necessary for the eradication of the invasive Asian Sand Sedge and the new plants which may be necessary to maintain the quality of the dune. This cost will be funded partially through an increase in the Beaches and Dunes operating budget and, if necessary, through the use of a portion of the Asset Replacement Fund.
 - c. Water Conservation Fund – the use of a portion of the Water Conservation Fund, as discussed by Public Works, to complete the repair /rehabilitation of the primary well to extend its useful life, to continue to analyze, formulate, and implement a long term plan to maintain and improve the underground system which distributes water throughout the FD, including new water hookups as necessary, and to fund, as failures occur, the repair and/or replacement of the electronics and other equipment necessary for producing, monitoring, and distributing our water. To fund these projects, \$10,000 will be transferred from the Asset Replacement Fund and the transfer to the Water Conservation Fund will be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000.
 - d. Asset Replacement Fund – the use of a portion of the Asset Replacement Fund, as discussed by Long Range Planning, for the costs to continue our efforts to restore Fresh Pond.
 - e. Dunn's Corner Smoothing Fund – to be used in 2012-13 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.

The forecasted results for the calendar year 2012 anticipate a surplus of approximately \$11,000. The BOG has the authority to annually allocate any surplus to (1) reduce the then current balance on any outstanding debt obligation of the FD or to (2) roll such surplus into the following year's budget as miscellaneous income or to (3) allocate a portion of such surplus to either (1) or (2), as it deems appropriate. The allocation will be made by the BOG after the final results of 2012 have been calculated by the Treasurer. The final results for 2011 allowed for the prepayment of the Water System Loan by \$20,915.00 and transferred a cumulative surplus of \$11,428.43 into this year.

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Exhibit L

COMMUNITY SALES 2012 REPORT

Last year the Special Events Committee was divided into two separate committees. **Special Events** to organize and conduct social and special activities. **Community Sales** to fund the operations of the Special Events Committee.

Community Sales Committee

Role: To raise funds to support the Special Events of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District ("QCBFD") community and other QCBFD improvement projects.

-The Special Events committee has first call on the funds raised and will prepare a budget for the coming year to submit to the Community Sales committee to determine the amount of funding needed.

-After all the needs of the Special Events committee have been met, excess funds raised by the Community Sales committee will be used for QCBFD community improvements.

-The Community Sales committee, along with input from the Special Events Committee and approval from the QCBFD Board of Governors, will determine how the excess funds are spent.

-All Commissioners can request funding for community projects from these funds. Application forms can be obtained from the Community Sales Committee treasurer.

-The Civic Improvement committee will have the responsibility of implementing these community projects, along with other appropriate Commissioners whose committees are benefited by the projects.

-The Community Sales committee will maintain a bank account, which will hold the funds raised by such committee.

-The Community Sales committee will be self-funded and will purchase items for sale with funds currently in their bank account.

Special Events Funding The 2012 Special Events Committee calendar of activities and events was underwritten with existing funds.

Community Funding Audio equipment, microphones/amplification, was purchased for use at community events. Right-of-way markers, granite posts, were provided for the Real Estate Committee.

Retail Sales This has been a successful selling season. With proceeds from sales we will again be able to fully fund all of next year's (2013) social and community events through the Special Events Committee.

Thanks Thank you to Pam Furey for courage, creativity and co-chairing this committee. Thank you to Patti Rueff for tirelessly tending the treasury for this committee and overseeing the expenses of the Special Events Committee.

Special Thanks Thank you to all the community volunteers who unselfishly sacrificed their Sundays... selling to support all the special events of Central Beach; Elaine Battista, Mary Campbell, Dede DePatie, Tiffany Van Elslander, Ellen Frost, Lynn Goldberg, Katherine Huntington, Marianne McNee, Sue Newton, Barry Okun, Michelle Pallai, Marilyn Rettig, Patti Rueff, Cherie Stabnick and Pat Wildman.

Historical Thanks Thank you to all those who undertook this role in the past. We have a new appreciation for all your accomplishments.

Peter Rettig
Chair, Community Sales Committee
09/15/12

Exhibit M

SLATE OF QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT OFFICERS, GOVERNORS, COMMISSIONERS 2012-2013

BOARD OF GOVERNORS SERVING AS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS:

STEPHEN LONG..... MODERATOR (2009)
HEATHER CADY..... CLERK (2009)
PAT WILDMAN..... TREASURER (2008)

ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS:

JOE DEMAIO.....FINANCE & BUDGET (2008)
GEORGE PRIOR.....PUBLIC WORKS (2009)
TOM BATTISTA.....REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY (2010)
SHARI FROST.....BEACH & DUNES (2010)
BILL HEEP.....CIVIC IMPROVEMENT/FIRE PROTECTION (2011)
DICK STABNICK.....LONG-RANGE PLANNING (2009)
MICHELE PALLAI REPPUCCI.....POLICE PROTECTION (2011)

The Nominating Committee recommends to the Board of Governors the following
Commissioner appointments:

COMMISSIONERS NOT MEMBERS OF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MICHAEL FLYNN.....BALLFIELD & PLAYGROUND (2011)
BREWSTER BLACKALL..... BOATING (2011)
MARILYN RETTIG.....SPECIAL EVENTS (2011)
PETER RETTIG.....COMMUNITY SALES (2011)
CEIL DEMAIO..... TENNIS & GOLF
JACK FROST.....TAX ASSESSOR
TOM FARRELL, JR.....TAX ASSESSOR

The Nominating Committee recommends that our present Moderator Stephen Long continue to serve for one more year and he has agreed. After careful consideration of potential successors and discussions with veteran members of the BOG, the committee believes this course, consistent with our by-laws, to be most prudent at this time.

The year following the individual's name is the Annual Meeting year the individual was elected. Commissioners and Administrative officers, other than the Moderator, serve one-year terms not to exceed five consecutive terms. Most serve for five years

Exhibit M, continued.

COMMITTEES

Central Beach is very fortunate to have these individuals volunteer to serve on the following committees for 2012-2013

BALLFIELD & PLAYGROUND – Michael Flynn

Committee – Mark Alperin, John Crosson, , Paul Cusson, Mark McEnroe, Vincent Reppuci, Sean Reynolds, Rich Thomsen

BEACH & DUNES – Shari Frost

Committee –Sue Birk, Paul Cusson, Pat Frost, Roy Jacobsen, Cari Blackall Lifgren, Regina Rizzuto

BOATING – Brewster Blackall

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

CIVIC IMPROVEMENT/FIRE PROTECTION – Bill Heep

Committee - Ellen Frost, George Gray, Katherine Huntington, Len Kovacs, Suzanne O'Brien, Neal Simon, Tom Wildman

COMMUNITY SALES-Peter Rettig

Committee-Pam Furey, , Patti Rueff

FINANCE & BUDGET – Joe DeMaio

Committee – Mike Daly, Jim Finn, Jeff Matthews, Sean Reynolds, Brian Van Elslander,

LONG-RANGE PLANNING – Dick Stabnick

Committee – Tom Batista, Brewster Blackall, Chris Gettman, Linda Griffith, Rob Huntington, Steve Peet

POLICE PROTECTION – Michele Pallai Reppucci

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

PUBLIC WORKS – George Prior

Committee – Dick Campbell, Tom Doyle, Wally Kelly, Bill Meyer, Jim Montstream, John Rooney

REAL ESTATE & PROPERTY-Tom Battista

Committee-Joe DiMaio, Michael Divney, Peter Gaffey, Chris Heep, Ted Kaplan, Ed Mellick, Richard Stabnick

SPECIAL EVENTS – Marilyn Rettig

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

TENNIS & GOLF – Ceil DeMaio

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