



August 29th, 2022

Dear Quonnie Central Beach Voters,

I am happy to report we will be holding our 93rd annual meeting at the Quonnie Grange on September 17th at 10am. It's nice to be able to hold a "regular" meeting at the Grange and I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person.

In order for us to have a quorum for our meeting, at least one third of the lots in the District must be represented. Therefore, if you cannot make the meeting please fill out the PROXY designation form included in this packet, specifying an eligible voter who will vote on your behalf. The proxy instruction form is enclosed.

It has been an honor to serve as your Moderator for the last three years. The time went by very quickly. We had to deal with a wide range of issues from COVID to lightning strikes and questions related to Fire Districts in general. I want to thank all the volunteers who helped me navigate, listened to my concerns and gave sound advice. We are lucky to have so many caring neighbors.

When you get the chance please review the enclosed packet of information and motions including proposed BOG approved motions.

I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Wilson".

Sue

PROXY

LAST NAME: _____

LOT NUMBER: _____ QCBFD STREET ADDRESS: _____

INSTRUCTIONS AND EXPLANATION

If you would like to have someone be your proxy at the 2020 Annual Meeting of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, please (1) indicate **YOUR LAST NAME AND LOT NUMBER OR STREET ADDRESS above**, (2) complete the **PROXY DESIGNATION below**, and then (3) **RETURN THIS FORM** to Maud Bailey, 25 Ninigret Avenue, Charlestown RI 02813 so that it is received **BY 7:00am on SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 OR YOU MAY SCAN YOUR PROXY AND EMAIL TO QCBFD2022annualmeeting@gmail.com**. The proxy form must be received by **BY 7:00am on SEPTEMBER 17, 2022** to be valid for purposes of establishing a quorum.

According to our By-Laws (Article 2, Section 1), "For each lot identified by the Town of Charlestown Tax Assessor the owner(s) thereof shall be entitled to two (2) votes at any Annual or Special Meeting of the District." Therefore, there may be two different persons authorized to cast proxy votes per lot. If you need an additional proxy form because you are designating two different proxies (each with one vote), please make a copy of this form, check the box in the Proxy Designation portion of each form to indicate that it authorizes the designated proxy to cast one vote only, and return both forms as indicated above.

PROXY DESIGNATION for 2022 Annual Meeting of QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT (and any adjournment thereof)

I, affirm that I am an eligible voter of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District by __residence: address: _____ or by __ ownership. Lot (s) number owned are _____.

I, the undersigned eligible voter of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, do hereby authorize

_____, another eligible voter of the District, to act on my behalf and as my proxy at the 2022 QCBFD Annual Meeting to be held at the Quonochontaug Grange, 5662 Post Road Charlestown RI 02813 on September 17, 2022 and at any adjournment thereof, with the right to act, cast TWO VOTES (or check here ☐ if only ONE) and participate in all matters to come before the meeting, as I might if present at the meeting.

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

**Agenda for the
93st Annual Meeting of the
QUONOHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT
10:00 a.m. Saturday, September 17, 2022**

**Quonochontaug Grange
5662 Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813**

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| 1. Call to Order/Opening Remarks | Susan Wilson-Perez, Moderator |
| 2. Certification of Mailing & Approval of
2021 Annual Meeting Minutes (Exhibit A of packet) | Maud Bailey, Clerk |
| 3. Moderator's Report | Susan Wilson-Perez, Moderator |

4. Reports of Managers

Reports of most QCBFD Managers were included in the packets sent to voters in advance of the Annual Meeting (**Exhibit B of packet**). Any other reports of Managers were put on the QCBFD website as received. During this portion of the meeting, Managers or their representatives will respond to questions.

Merchandise Sales	Dede Consoli
Beach and Dunes	Peter Rettig
Police Liaison & Beach/Boating Monitors	Julie Low
Special Events	Elaine Heilemann
QCBFD Marina	Will Carpenter
Ball Field and Playground No report submitted	Matt DeFusco
Tennis	Mark McEnroe
Webmaster	Betty Wilson
Email Blast Coordinator	Kate Thornton

5. Reports & Proposals of Standing Committees

Reports of most QCBFD standing Committee Chairs were included in the packets sent to voters in advance of the Annual Meeting (**Exhibit C of packet**). Any other reports of Committee Chairs were put on the QCBFD website as received. During this portion of the meeting, Committee Chairs or their representatives will respond to questions; and it is expected that the motions included below will be introduced.

Community Property

Julia Mathews

Long Range Planning

Ellen Frost

Public Works

Bob Frazier

Finance and Budget

Al Bartosic

Proposed Motions:

[Budget] **Resolved**, that the 2023 budget as presented at the District Meeting on September 17th, 2022, including an approximate \$563,266 in Tax Revenue (36.7% above 2022), as approved by the Board of Governors, be adopted.

[Tax] **Resolved**, that the electors of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District qualified to vote at the District Meeting legally assembled on September 17th, 2022, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$562,000 nor greater than \$564,000. Said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges for the interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said District and for purposes authorized by law

The Assessors of Taxes shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said District as of the 30th day of June 2023 at 12:00 noon based upon December 31st, 2022 assessed values as computed by the town of Charlestown, 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 about the 1st day of August 2023. The Collector of Taxes, on receipt of said assessment, is hereby commanded to proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable therefor. Said tax shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day after the date of certification by the Assessors of Taxes and all remaining unpaid balances after such due dates shall carry interest until collected at a penalty rate of 12% per annum upon such unpaid taxes.

6. New Business

Susan Wilson-Perez, Moderator

i.) Report on new procedure requiring lot owners to submit written proposals to the Public Works Committee for approval concerning any planned [modification or] improvement to QCBFD property and/or right-of-way adjacent to such lot owner's property.

Bob Frazier / Moderator

Proposed Motion:

Resolved, Lot owners must submit in writing to the Public Works Committee for approval plans for any improvements to QCBFD property or QCBFD right-of-way adjoining such lot owner's property.

7. Legal Resolution

Maud Bailey, Clerk

Resolved, that all prior actions of the Board of Governors and Officers of the Fire District taken prior hereto in the operation of the Fire District's business or in the furtherance thereof are hereby ratified and confirmed and all documents executed on behalf of and in the name of the Fire District are hereby adopted and consented to by a majority vote of the electors voting at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

8. Report of Nominating Committee

Katherine Huntington
And Election of Officers, Tax Assessors and Board of Governors (Exhibit D of packet)

Proposed Motion:

Resolved, That the slate of Officers, Tax Assessors and members of the Board of Governors for the 2022-2023 year proposed by the Nominating Committee be elected.

9. Other Business

Incoming Moderator

The meeting will consider any other business that may come before it. In that regard, Article 3, Section 7 of our By-Laws provides that "Any Eligible Voter may make a new motion at the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting which shall be submitted in writing and may be seconded, ruled in order, discussed and voted upon. However, to be passed the number of votes necessary for approval of the motion shall be not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of those voting at the meeting in person or by proxy."

10. Adjournment

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MINUTES
of the
92st Annual Meeting
of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
held on
September 18, 2021
Quonochontaug Grange
5662 Post Road.
Charlestown, RI 02813

1. Call to Order /Opening Remarks**Susan Wilson-Perez, Moderator**

The Moderator, Susan Wilson-Perez, called the 2021 Annual Meeting of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District (QCBFD) to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. on the lawn behind the Quonochontaug Grange located at 5662 Post Road in Charlestown, RI.

Sue began by acknowledging that the District relies heavily on volunteers and thanking everyone who had given their time over the last year volunteering. She highlighted the work of Dede Consoli and the Merchandise Sales volunteers who work every Sunday raising money funds for our Special Events and community grants. Sue also commended Ellen Frost on her job chairing Long Range Planning and their work on community visioning and starting to create a comprehensive plan. Sue expressed special thanks on behalf of the District to the following persons who were stepping down from positions of leadership: Vinnie Reppucci, Chair of Public Works and Roberta Peet, Treasurer.

Sue commented that this year has had even bigger challenges than last year's pandemic and lighting strikes. This year's assault on private property rights in the state is very worrisome. There is a movement afoot to abolish communities such as ours.

2. Certification of Mailing & Approval of Minutes of 2020 Annual Meeting**Maud Bailey, Clerk**

The Clerk certified that a quorum was present or so represented by proxies and that timely notice of the meeting and the accompanying materials required by the By-Laws had been sent to the known Eligible Voters.

The Clerk asked if there were any questions or comments on the draft minutes of the QCBFD 2020 Annual Meeting. Kate Thornton made the Clerk aware of a spelling error that will be corrected in the Final Version. As there were no further comments, a motion was made that the minutes be accepted with spelling error corrected and approved. The motion was seconded and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy.

3. Moderator's Report:**Moderator**

Sue then led the group in reciting the pledge of Allegiance.

Sue requested a moment of silence for the following residents who had passed away since the

District's last annual meeting: Justin Anderson, Mary Ann Tuttle Carley, Melinda Cotter, Betty Jones, Margarethe Kulke, Linda Long, Kay Noonan, Stu Pomeroy, Betsy Sears, Andrew (Andy) F. Sears Sr., Pete Gibbs, and Carol Waterman Sigg.

4. Reports of Managers:

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Sue asked the community if anyone had any questions for any of the Managers. No questions were asked.

5. Reports & Proposals of Standing Committees

Sue reported that reports of all QCBFD standing Committee Chairs were included in the packets sent to voters in advance of the Annual Meeting (please see attached). During this portion of the meeting, Sue opened up the floor to residents to ask questions to the Committee Chairs or their representatives.

Community Property:	Julia Mathews
Long Range Planning	Ellen Frost
Public Works:	Vinnie Reppucci
Finance and Budget:	Al Bartosic

No questions were asked. Sue then handed the meeting over to Al Bartosic, Finance and Budget Chair for his report and motions.

Finance and Budget:

Al Bartosic

Al asked for any questions concerning the budget, there being none. Al then moved, one at a time, the following resolutions, each of which was seconded and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. All motions passed unanimously.

Proposed Motions:

Resolved, that the 2022 budget as presented at the District Meeting on September 18th, 2021, including an approximate \$412,000 in Tax Revenue (9.8% above 2021), as approved by the Board of Governors, be adopted.

Resolved, that the electors of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District qualified to vote at the District Meeting legally assembled on September 18th, 2021, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$411,000 nor greater than \$413,000. Said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges for the interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said District and for purposes authorized by law. The Assessors of Taxes shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said District as of the 30th day of June 2022 at 12:00 noon based upon December 31st, 2021 assessed values as computed by the town of Charlestown, 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 about the 1st day of August 2022. The Collector of Taxes, on receipt of said assessment, is hereby commanded to proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable therefor. Said tax shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day after the date of certification by the Assessors of Taxes and all remaining unpaid balances after such due dates shall carry interest until collected at a penalty rate of 12% per annum upon such unpaid taxes.

6. New Business

Sue introduced Tom Frost to present on behalf of outgoing Public Works Chair Vinnie Reppucci, the first items of new business, "Report on water system upgrade as mandated by the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH")

Tom led the discussion by reminding the community that Vinny had held a ZOOM community meeting that addressed the issues concerning the water treatment project and our plans to address the issue. Tom highlighted that Vinny's report on the water treatment plans were part of the Annual Meeting packet that was mailed out prior to this meeting. He asked if there were any questions as to the report. As no questions were asked Tom moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that a 4-log disinfection system RIDOH compliant upgrade to the District water system, as mandated by the RIDOH, utilizing project modifications as deemed necessary by the DOH and other technical factors no greater than \$1,600,000 be approved by the District with the Board of Governors having authority to modify the plans as necessary. Final financing terms and lender(s) shall be subject to the approval of the majority of the Board of Governors. In addition, as part of the financing for the Water Project, the Board of Governors may decide to refinance and consolidate the existing water loan on the balance sheet of the District in the amount of no greater than \$65,000. The Board of Governors may delegate the authority to negotiate and

execute such loans to the person or person(s) approved by the majority of the Board of Governors.

Following the discussion, the motion was voted on and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. The motion passed with one vote against.

Maud Bailey, Clerk then led the second item of new business the "By-Law change on default method of Annual Meeting Packet Delivery to electronic delivery." She briefly laid out the reasons for the By-Law change (time savings, cost, and paper waste) and asked if there were any questions. As no questions were asked Maud moved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the draft of the amended and restated Article 3, Section 6 and Article 3, Section 12 of the by-laws of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District recommended for adoption by the Board of Governors of the District, and distributed to the voters of the District for review in advance of the District's 2021 Annual Meeting, as part of the materials mailed with the notice of such meeting (Exhibit D of packet), are hereby adopted as the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the District, such adoption to be effective upon adjournment of such Annual Meeting.

The resolution was seconded, no discussion ensued and the motion passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. The motion passed unanimously.

The third item on the Agenda was the Resident's Motion (Exhibit E of packet) submitted pursuant to Article 3, Section 5 of the BY-LAWS of the QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT (As amended and restated on September 19, 2015). By unanimous vote (at the 8/14/21 meeting), the Board of Governors' opposed this motion.

Resident Donna Kelly made the following resident's motion:

During the off-season when there is no guard at the QCBFD beach parking lot, the gate is to be left open and anyone can access the QCBFD Beach parking lot.

The motion was seconded and discussion ensued. There were speakers both for and against the motion. During the discussion there was a motion to amend the original motion from, "During the off-season when there is no guard at the QCBFD beach parking lot, the gate is to **be left open** and anyone can access the QCBFD Beach parking lot" to "During the off-season when there is no guard at the QCBFD beach parking lot, the gate is **to remain closed but unlocked** and anyone can access the QCBFD Beach parking lot." No one seconded this amendment. Motion to close discussion was made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The original motion which had been seconded was presented for a vote. The motion failed to pass by a majority of the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy.

7. Legal Resolution Sue made the following Legal Resolution which was seconded and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. The motions passed unanimously.

Resolved, that each and all of the resolutions, acts and proceedings of the District Officers, Committee Chairmen and Managers, as shown by their respective records, 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 Fire District.

8. Report of Nominating Committee and Election of Officers, Tax Assessors and Board of Governors

Mark Alprin

Mark began by thanking the members of his committee, Mary Duffy and Katherine Huntington for serving on the committee this summer. He noted and apologized that Tiffany Van Elslander was inadvertently left off the slate for the Public Works Committee. Mark then read the slate (please see attached) and made the following resolution, which was seconded and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. The motion was passed unanimously.

Resolved, That the slate of Officers, Tax Assessors and members of the Board of Governors for the 2021-2022 year proposed by the Nominating Committee be elected.

9. Other Business

Moderator

The meeting will consider any other business that may come before it. In that regard, Article 3, Section 7 of our By-Laws provides that "Any Eligible Voter may make a new motion at the Annual Meeting or Special Meeting which shall be submitted in writing and may be seconded, ruled in order, discussed and voted upon. However, to be passed the number of votes necessary for approval of the motion shall be not less than sixty-five percent (65%) of those voting at the meeting in person or by proxy.

Kate Thorton asked for an update on the Thompsen forbearance agreement voted on at the 2018 Annual Meeting where the Thompsen property is to be absorbed into the Central Beach Fire District. Sue responded that there is no update to report. Maud Bailey would like the Board of Governors to follow up on any By-Law changes that would allow for hybrid virtual Annual Meetings because they allow for more access and be more inclusive.

10. Adjournment

Maud Bailey made a motion to adjourn at 11:08am. The motion which was seconded and passed by the combined vote of those in attendance or voting by proxy. The motion was passed unanimously.

Exh. B Managers' Reports

Merchandise Sales

Merchandise Sales is the engine behind the Special Events machine that runs our wonderful community. Our main purpose is to generate funds to pay for the social events throughout the summer that make Central Beach the unique community that it is. In recent years, merchandise sales have grown into a significantly larger business allowing the extra funds to be donated back to the community in the form of grants. This year the following grants were requested and approved in addition to the full roster of special event funding that we always strive to do:

- 1) \$4,800 towards voter eligibility legal work
- 2) \$1,500 towards support for documentarian scanning and organizing of our historic documents, to have proper cataloging of our files from the past in digital form.
- 3) \$1,750 towards new and replacement speed signs for our roads designating all roads at 15 MPH.
- 4) \$500 towards a new swing and repair work at the playground.

Merchandise Sales has a grant process, and we are pleased to award these four requests with funding. If there are additional requests in the community, the group is committed to looking at new requests as needed.

It takes a true village to make merchandise sales work. Traditionally I list the names of every person who helped me and this year, that list would be a mile long. While I have not listed each name here, I am extremely grateful for the support of my neighbors and friends who volunteered tirelessly to sell merchandise all ten Sundays of the season. I recognize that volunteering to assist me is a choice and you are donating precious family time to help make merchandise sales successful. I encourage more people to raise their hands to help, to alleviate the burden on the few who volunteer weekly.

A special thank you to my 7am set up crew: Peter Rettig, Tom Lanna, Steven Bruckenthal and Victor Consoli without whom we could not function. Also, a separate thank you to my treasurer Kathy Alperin who is the hardest working, behind the scenes reason we have had such success year after year. Also, to my sister Linda Buffum for all her digital work to get me organized and ready to open preseason...I am most grateful. And lastly to Ed Mellick who lends us electricity year after year, thank you.

I want to personally thank everyone who chooses to shop and support the Q Logo Shed. We had another record-breaking year and with new challenges in the marketplace this year it was a wonderful accomplishment to reach our volume goals. Retail may be dead across the country but here in Quonnie at our humble shed, it continues to grow and thrive.

Thank you for your continued support as I wrap up my fifth (plus 4 other previous) season as your manager. I appreciate the generous feedback you give me and am always open to your suggestions. Please follow me on Instagram @Qlogoshed and feel free to email me with your thoughts at dede.consoli@gmail.com I already have plans in place for a remarkable 2023...Can't wait to show you!

Onward,
Dede DePatie Consoli
Manager, Merchandise Sales

BEACH AND DUNES 2022

Again, this year the beach was raked and groomed every Friday morning from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Seaweed, litter and debris were removed each week.

On January 16th a storm beat up the beach resulting in very heavy sand erosion.

I have reached out to the University of Rhode Island, and with the assistance of community members, look to strengthening the relationship.

Working in conjunction with URI's Schools of Oceanography, Agriculture and Engineering, I'm hopeful and confident that a passive and more sustainable solution to beach erosion will be designed to meet with CRMC's (State of Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council) approval.

After seven years I am stepping away from the manager's role of Beach and Dunes. Thanks for the sunny days, warm waves and all that's central to this special community.

Peter Rettig
Manager, Beach and Dunes

2022 Beach and Police Liaison Report

As a small community I constantly commend our residents for being the eyes and ears that help reinforce the rules and regulations and keep our families and friends as safe as possible. Naturally as with any community we run into issues that have to be addressed and monitored closely which we have done and will continue to do in the future. I'm happy to say this past summer ran relatively smoothly including an excellent (mostly new) block staff that kept our beach safe and sound. I'd like to thank all those boys and girls you know who you are!

As my time comes to a close as "beach police" I'd like to say I've loved getting to know my fellow BOG members and being a part of a group of men and women who share the same strong passion and values for this special place. I've learned more about the inner-workings of Quonnie than I ever thought possible while also getting to know a lot of people I might not have otherwise known. Thank you.

I leave you in good hands with Ron Ruel, Nancy Picard, Amy Murphy and Heather Cotter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Henderson Low
Beach and Police Liaison

Special Events: 2022 Report

How did SE come about... a quick history lesson:

In the mid-'50s Special Events was started by Sophie Byrne and Edith Goman to give the children of Quonnie planned activities and to raise money to support miscellaneous projects that the associated budget could not cover.

Today that community spirit and volunteerism remain strong! Our group of dedicated volunteers' plan and host cherished activities throughout the summer as well as help facilitate Sunday's Merchandise Logo Sales whose profits fund our events and necessary central beach projects that benefit our community.

To keep this tradition going join Special Events!

- **All commitment levels wanted...** We love when we have hand-raisers to host full events but if you can't commit to that we have varying levels of involvement that will fit any schedule (i.e., judging, prize making, logistics, joining a sub-committee...)
- Email specialevents@quonniecentral.org or connect via cell at (617) 320-7123

Summer 2022 Recap:

Merchandise Logo Sales: A special thanks to Dede and Kathy! Dede DePatie Consoli has done another fantastic year concepting, sourcing, buying and managing the Q Logo Shed. Her eye for design paired with the attentive financial management of our funds by Kathy Alperin enables us to return profits from the sales directly back into the community. We sincerely appreciate all their hard work and effort!

Quonnie Cooks: After a 30-year hiatus we were thrilled to bring back the beloved Cookbook filled with recipes from all generations in our community, past and present. A grateful thank you to all contributors and the team who made it happen: Linda DePatie Buffum, Dede DePatie Consoli and Sue Hess.

Event Recap:

We had a robust schedule this year due to the commitment of strong lead hosts and their many helping hands! Host recognition denoted below but my sincere gratitude goes out to every person that supported these hosts to make these events so successful!!

- **Opening Picnic:** Thank you to the whole Picard Family and Maud & Vin Bailey for hosting a fun gathering where old and new neighbors welcomed in the start of Summer with a picnic on the beach.
- **July 4th Parade:** Appreciation goes out to Sarah Matthews Minea for her strong organization of a festive holiday parade celebrating all of the things we do here 'On Quonnie Time'. Thank you to all supported the day's event including Glenn Thomas, Barry O'Brien, Vin Bailey, Emily Poggi, Neal Simon and to those who registered in our participants and judged!

- **July 4th Fun Run:** After a 2-year delay, we were thrilled to bring back the July 4th run led by Jenny and Chris Licht. Their well-organized event was a huge success with 210 registered runners, custom t-shirts and a well-marked route. We appreciate them, Patti & Rusty Rueff, Kathy Alperin and all their many helpers of all ages who got up early to set up, provided water, mark the route and cheered on all of the runners! You were invaluable to making it happen!
- **Ballfield Movie Nights:** Appreciation goes out to Diane McEnroe and Julie Low for hosting Goonies and James Bond on two perfect summer evenings.
- **Anniversary Dance:** Our two-year delay did not stop this amazing event from being a huge success! We celebrated with a wonderful big tent dance, an awesome band, great food and delicious local Peet's Point oysters. My gratitude goes out to so many... your helping hands were so necessary and appreciated to bring it all together!
 - Our community came together with excitement to help set up, break down, donate flowers, and make incredibly beautiful floral arrangements.
 - Also, a special thanks to Kathy Alperin, the backbone of our operation who for 3 years renegotiating with our food, band, and tent vendor to keep our event scheduled. She was a great partner to think through all the special details with!
 - 250 tickets were sold at the affordable cost of \$30 per person, with Merchandise Sales funding another \$50 per person on top of that!
 - Another dance is on the horizon. The date TBD but we are approaching our 95th!
- **Sandcastle Contest:** Appreciation goes out to Eric Buse, Erin Neubardt and Debbie Dupre who planned an awesome sandcastle contest, complete with building categories, prizes and refreshing popsicles. Thank you to them and all their helpers and judges!
- **Quonnie Social:** Our gratitude goes out to the Marlor Family! For the past 5 years, they have hosted a wonderful ballfield social event that has become a staple community gathering always on the first Saturday of August. My appreciation goes out to Keith Marlor, Tracy Marlor and their helpers including Jon Murphy, Jack Marlor, Clare Crosson and Charlie Low. This year we had 170 guests attended the social!
- **Open Mic & Sing Along Night:** Vin Bailey with the help of Barry O'Brien and The Quonnie Troubadours led a fantastic night of good listening, playing and singing, showcasing all levels of Quonnie talent including original songs and wonderful renditions of the classics. It was a perfect night to cheer on neighbors at the ballfield.
- **Kids Scavenger Hunt:** The dream team of Katherine Huntington and Nancy Picard hosted another amazing kids' scavenger hunt! Every year they make it so fun and enjoyable for all participants. Thank you to them and their helpers.

- **Adult Scavenger Hunt:** Why let the kids have all the fun! New this year was the adult hunt conceived and hosted by Suzanne O'Brien. Her long list of fun clues kept us all entertained and commenced in a fun gathering with drinks, food and prizes at the dock.
- **(UPCOMING) 9/17 Annual Meeting Bonfire:** to conclude the summer we are inviting everyone to join us for a central beach bonfire to toast another wonderful season together. Our hosts will be Maud & Vin Bailey who will set and manage fire prep and close. **All are invited from 6:30p - 8:30p and please bring your own everything: chairs, drinks, snacks, etc.**

Looking ahead...

- **New Event Ideas:** Although many of our events have been successful for years, we are always open to new suggestions. New ideas are welcome and encouraged. A few I've received so far are an 'all level corn hole tournament', 'beach bingo' and doing another musical showcase night.
- **Seeking The Next Special Events Manager:** I have happily served as Manager of Special Events for the past few years and next year will be my last. Please reach out to me if you'd like to get involved and lead special events. It's a fantastic way to get to know the members of our community and I'd be happy to partner with you next year to pass on what I know before you take it on!

Thank you to everyone for a great summer!

Warm regards,
Elaine Jarvis Heilemann
Special Events Manager

2022 QCB Marina Report

In 2022 the marina continued to be highly utilized. We issued 187 boat stickers and there were minimal watercrafts without them. The marina benefitted from increased parking availability as a result of last fall's work clearing brush.

To date, there has been no significant storm damage and the marina has been well maintained through routine grading of gravel along the shore and trimming of brush around the racks.

Additional lower-level paddleboard racks were installed for easy access and plans are in place to increase available rack space over the winter.

A fall cleanup will be scheduled in October.

Will Carpenter
QCB Boat and Marina Manager

QCBFD Tennis 2022 Report

The newly painted Central Beach tennis courts were busy throughout the Spring and Summer of 2022.

Thanks to Andrew Licht for handling the posting of sign up sheets and locking the door overnight.

The nets will be left up through October, at least, so continue to enjoy.

One less than happy note is that there were incidents of people riding bicycles, scooters and skateboards on the courts, which have left tread marks and caused damage to the courts.

We would ask all residents to remind their guests and children that the courts are for tennis (and pickleball, if you must), and not for bike riding, skating, scootering, skateboarding or anything else.

Thank you.

Webmaster Report 2022

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

Our Quonniecentral.org website continues as a secure https website. Our website operating system provider, Brave River Solutions, helps assure our website is protected from hackers and phishing of personal information. They also provide updates to our website and maintain the operating system data base. Our website is open to the public with the exception of the Directory information which is password protected.

As always, members can access their Directory information by logging in using their email address and password and should periodically review and update their online Directory information. Each Directory listing has a designated user that can update the data for that listing. That person is listed as the assigned user at the bottom of the Directory page. Our goal is to have the Directory always reflect accurate information.

Our website, Quonniecentral.org, continues to provide valuable information regarding our community including:

- Calendar of events and meetings including their agendas
- Directory (password protected)
- Social event information
- Recreation information
- Information about services provided in Quonnie Central Beach and locally
- Information about Quonnie Central Beach including our governance, budget, and minutes of meetings

Reminders:

- **Importantly, if you change your email address,** the webmaster needs to update your user profile to reflect that change so that you can have continued access to the Directory.
- Your email is your user name. If you forgot your password, simply click on "Forgot your password?" and follow the prompts.
- You are encouraged to update your information in the Directory as needed to keep it accurate and up to date.
- If you need assistance, please reach out to the webmaster.

Thank you to past and present Board of Governors including Committee Chairpersons, and Managers as well as Sally Devin, Chris Harris, Michele Pallia and Maud Bailey for their support over the past six years. I will be resigning from this position this September. It's been a pleasure to work with all of you and all of our Central Beach community.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Wilson, QCBFD Webmaster.

Email Blast Coordinator

Our e-blast program utilizes the Constant Contact platform and is the principal method of outreach and communications to homeowners and their family members who reside in the Fire District. Over 350 e-mail addresses comprise this list representing every lot number paying taxes to the District. In the past year, approximately 80 e-mails were sent alerting homeowners to water issues, road safety concerns, Long Range Planning meeting alerts, sharing details of the many summer events, remembering current/past residents who have passed on and notifying you of important news in the surrounding communities and Charlestown Town Hall. During the summer months the blasts are typically more often and are sent on an as needed basis as requested by QCBFD management. All communications are specifically limited to formal fire district business. If you wish to sign up for these blasts, please e-mail:

qcbfdcommunications@gmail.com

It is important to note that residents who use Gmail as their email provider may find these notices going into a spam or promotions folder. Thank you for your support,

Kate Thornton E-blast Coordinator

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QCBFD COMMUNITY PROPERTY COMMITTEE – 2022 REPORT

QCBFD PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

We have entered our 3rd year of a multi-year contract for our landscaping service with Jon Pruitt of General Landscaping (GL). GL provides regular landscape maintenance to QCBFD, which includes mowing and trimming of the ball field, playground, tennis, and basketball courts, pump house, boat landing, beach parking lot area, QCBFD member's beach right-of-way and roadside maintenance. This year we finished the Boat Landing Project of removing the invasive plants on the left side of the marina area. We then planted grass in the areas which will allow easier maintenance in the future.

Jon Pruitt has been responsive to special requests and worked with the board on projects in a timely and efficient manner.

QCBFD TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION

QCBFD has of a multi-year contract Steve Piccolo & Sons Rubbish Removal. We have been able to provide the QCBFD with year-round collection. We were also able to provide twice a week pick-up during July and August.

Piccolo Rubbish removal and QCBFD jointly purchased Trash and Recycle Cart for the community with the financial assistance of a Special Events Grant. With supply chain issues we have not been able to completely roll out the use of these new containers. I thank the community for their patience and Steve feels confident the problem will be resolved soon.

AEDs

The 2 AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) purchased by the QCBFD community have been maintained by the Chair of the Community Property Committee, Julia Mathews. These units need regular updates and replacement of defibrillator pads and batteries on a scheduled bases and frequent inspection. One unit is on the Central Beach Tennis Courts in a secure metal box clearly identified with large AED letters in RED. The second unit is placed daily at the Block at the entrance to the Beach Parking Lot. This unit is clearly identified with the RED letters AED on an ORANGE backpack hanging on a hook above the bench. This orange backpack also has a "shark bite kit" and Narcan for assistance in other emergencies that could possible occur at the beach.

Next year the responsibility of the AED's will divided between the Tennis Manager and the Beach and Dune Manager.

Many Thanks

Because all of our contracts have been executed for multi-year terms we have not had a need for multiple meetings this year. I would like to thank those individuals who offered to support the efforts of the Community Property Committee: John Pinkos, George Gray, Len Kovacs, Neal Simon, Meg Deshpande, Ellen Frost and Debbie Dupre. Your participation, suggestions and perspective has been greatly valued.

MORE THANKS TO THE MANY WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR COMMUNITY

The CPC would like to thank the many volunteers from the Community that assisted in delivering the new trash and recycle carts to each home in the Fire District. It was a fun community activity with many balls in the area. A special thanks to John Pinkos who co-chaired this operation and made it run like a well oiled machine.

Thanks also to the community members who helped to maintain the Butterfly/Hummingbird Garden at the entrance of the Beach Parking Lot. It has had many happy visitors, winged and biped. Next year we hope to add more Milkweed a host plant for the butterflies.

And thanks to all the many volunteers that do things every day to make Quonnie.....QUONNIE!!!!

Respectfully Submitted,
Julia Mathews - Chair

Long Range Planning Committee
2021/2022 Report to QCBFD – Annual Meeting
August 2022

I would like to recognize the following members of the Long Range Planning Committee for their contribution to this committee and for their participation in monthly meetings throughout the year: **Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Chris Getman, Ron Jarvis, Roy Jacobsen, Chris Licht, Paul Mathews, Diane McEnroe, Taylor Rettig**

While the Comprehensive Plan has been the primary focus of LRP, the Committee also continued work on the following projects:

- Continued research regarding the pros and cons of water metering.
- The launch of the Quonochontaug Conservation Collaborative (QCC), a coalition of neighboring communities on the Quonochontaug Neck with a shared interest in increasing awareness, and education on critical topics such as conservation, our common natural resources, and the environment.

As you are aware, last year the committee launched a multi-year project to develop a community and data driven Comprehensive Plan. Once completed the plan will identify the community's interests and priorities and will help direct the future focus and activities of the Board Governors and its other committees.

In the fall a working group was formed consisting of two members of Long Range Planning Committee and four members of the community. This working group met twice (sometimes three times) weekly throughout the year to interview subject matter experts both internal and external to our community. Questions for the interviews were prepared in advance and a total 24 interviews were conducted and recorded.

This July and August, the working group together with members of the Long Range Planning Committee, conducted two Community Feedback Sessions. Common themes from the interviews and last year's "Visioning Sessions" were presented and residents responded with their reactions and suggestions. As with our sessions last year, community participation was excellent. In July, a focus group of adults in their 20 and 30's was also conducted. Themes from the interviews and sessions emerged and will be displayed again for review and input at the Annual Meeting. As the committee continues to develop the Plan, it will be shared with the community for its reaction.

The following members of the Comprehensive Plan Working Group deserve special recognition and thanks for their dedication and participation in the interviews and research throughout the year: **Maud Bailey, June Cairns, Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Ed Mellick, Barbara Ruel**

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Frost
Chair

QCBFD Public Works Committee 2022 Annual Report

The 2021 annual meeting provided overwhelming support in giving the Public Works Committee the financial resources required to provide a state of the art water treatment facility upgrade to provide long term quality water for our community.

The effort was initiated in October with a pilot study conducted at the wellsite in order to determine the best treatment system to be used for the plant upgrade. The study tested several treatment technologies using water from both of our existing wells. Upon completion of the study field work in December, Blueleaf Inc. of Charlton, Massachusetts, provided a report of the pilot study analysis and results in January. The Pilot Study Report was reviewed by the Public Works Committee and was peer reviewed by several engineers and water treatment experts. The result was a determination that the Green Sands Plus water treatment technology was the best system to incorporate in the plant upgrade.

In December of 2021 the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) granted approval for 4-log chemical disinfection to eliminate the risks associated with bacteria affecting our water. We have been working with our operating engineer and the RIDOH on the scheduling for installation of the 4-log equipment. The current schedule is to complete the procurement and installation by February of 2023.

The Public Works Committee has also engaged Northeast Water Solutions, Inc.(NWSI) to initiate the design documents for the water treatment plant expansion and upgrade.

NWSI anticipates the design to be completed for submission for permits from RIDOH, DEM, CRMC, and the Town of Charlestown in November of this year. Upon the issuance of all permits and receipt of contractor bids in conformance with RI Infrastructure Bank financing, the construction of the plant expansion and upgrade will be scheduled. Our current schedule is to have work occurring in the offseason periods

initiated in the Spring of 2023 and estimated to be completed in the Fall of 2023.

During the last year our water quality has remained high as the groundwater levels in our wells has trended low. Our aquifer is recharged through rainfall during our offseason while about 65% our annual water usage occurs from June through September. As this summer has been one of the driest in history, we have requested that our community make every effort to conserve water to make it through the extreme drought. The community responded with reduced usage and browning lawns.

I want to thank the volunteers on the Public Works Committee for their efforts to help the Quonochontaug Central Beach community and to Sue Wilson Perez for her help and support moving the water project forward for the benefit of our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Frazier

Chair, Public Works Committee

**Quonochontaug
Central Beach Fire District
Finance and Budget Committee Report
Annual Meeting – September 17th, 2022**

As always, I must begin by thanking all our committee members for their efforts. Through both the Zoom and live meetings, everyone's dedication and commitment were evident as we collectively tried to do our part to keep Quonnie the special place we all treasure. We want to especially thank Carollynne Weidler who served as our Treasurer for this past year and for all the extraordinary effort she has put into her role. Jim Blair who has been a valued voice and long serving member of the Finance and Budget Committee ("FBC") is also stepping down after this year and we would like to thank him for his service and many contributions. Finally, we would also like to thank all the Committees and Managers for being so careful and diligent in their budgeting and spending which should enable the District to carryforward an operating budget surplus into 2023.

Reserve Allocations and Spending

There has been some discussion regarding the authorization and use of reserve funds so we thought it would be helpful to provide some explanation. Each year, the FBC gathers input then makes estimates as to what longer range and multiyear projects may occur and adds to reserve funding authorizations to anticipate these costs. These reserve authorizations are included in the budget approved each year and tax revenue is collected against these authorizations. The FBC cannot predict how and when reserve allocations are spent as needs arise, but the authorization provides the flexibility for Committees and Managers to act. Reserve authorizations can be used by a Committee or Manager (up to the amount approved). In addition, the Board of Governors may vote to approve to move funding amongst reserve categories (as has been done with the water system). In no event can the amount of cash spent from reserves exceed the cumulative total amount approved by voters at the Annual Meeting.

The cash funding of these reserves comes from annual taxation (12 months in arrears) and borrowings approved by the Board of Governors under the authority granted to them by District voters. When spending from reserves exceeds funding from reserves, then cash balances are depleted and when funding exceeds spending, the opposite is true. Due to the significant self-funded spending for the water system to date (both reserve and capital spending), cash has been depleted and the District had to borrow from its Line of Credit during 2022 to fund activities until 2022 taxation cash collections became available in August and September and borrowings were repaid.

We want to be clear that the amounts appearing in the reserve authorization accounts are not 100% backed by cash on hand at all times, but that the District has the ability to fund approved amounts of spending through its Line of Credit borrowings which are then collected from taxpayers in the subsequent year. To make this concept clearer, the FBC has renamed the schedule to "Approved Allocations for QCBFD Use and Associated Spending"

2021 Results

Revenues from 2021 were on budget and again 100% of all taxes billed were collected.

Final operating expenses (excluding payment of principal on the outstanding water system loan) were approximately \$44,000 below budget. This stemmed from lower than budgeted spending on loan interest (the anticipated loan for the water project was not initiated), police/security, fire protection and bookkeeping services. This surplus was closed into general reserves for potential future use by the

District. The final cash balance for the 2021 fiscal year was approximately \$42,000 lower than budget due to net increased spending from reserves and initial capitalization of the water system project. Available cash on hand (net of construction escrow) at 12/31/21 was \$252,890.

We would once again like to thank the Merchandise Sales and Special Events committee for their ongoing contributions to District projects.

2022 Estimated Results

Our original budget called for a net operating surplus of \$56,485 with \$30,600 of surplus funding our ongoing reserve accounts and the balance being used to pay down the principal of our outstanding loan for our water system and anticipated payments for new borrowings related to the new water project.

As Public Works reported, the scoping and installation of the new water system proceeded at a more measured pace and no new financing has been necessary to date in 2022.

We project (based on actual results through July 31st) that revenues will be at budget, and expenses will be about \$48,000 below budget. Any budget surplus may be closed into the District's general reserve account. Cash on hand at 12/31/22 is estimated to be \$51,000 below budget (\$206,000 exclusive of construction escrows) due to ongoing self funding of the water project.

The District's transition to a professional bookkeeping service has been very smooth and the financial reporting generated has been helpful to the Board of Finance members.

2023 Budget

As the water system project unfolds, FBC continues to closely monitor the fiscal impact of the project and is also committed to building appropriate reserves to cover anticipated long range and multi year maintenance projects.

The 2023 budget calls for a 36.7% increase in tax revenue to \$563,266. This is to fund approximately \$400,000 of operating expenses (including interest expense on the new water system loan and an anticipated increase in fire protection from Dunn's Corners Fire Department), additional reserve allocations (net of spending) of \$18,000, timing replenishment of short term borrowings of \$70,000 and principal payments on existing and anticipated water system loans of \$67,000. The timing and amount of the water system borrowing and repayment remains uncertain, but the FBC thought it prudent to budget for a full year of loan repayment. The District has favorable indications of borrowing both from the Rhode Island Infrastructure Bank as well as Washington Trust Bank. As of this writing, the maximum cost of the total project which is reflected in the 2023 budget is \$1.6 million all of which would be borrowed.

The 2023 budget calls for cash on hand to be \$224,000 at 12/31/23 (not including construction escrow).

It should be noted that the District currently reports to the State of Rhode Island as a Tier III Fire District (the lowest designation). There is a probability that the District will attain Tier II status as either a result of the debt incurred for the water project or the increase in spending on debt service or other items. This will cause the District to have to engage an independent public accounting firm to perform Agreed Upon Procedures for State reporting purposes. This will be an extra financial cost to the District and is reflected as an additional expense in the 2023 operating budget.

Conclusion

The FBC is confident that the District has access to sufficient financial resources from multiple sources to complete the water project as well as fund the other "normal" budget and reserve authorized items. The anticipated borrowing and commencement of repayment of the proposed water system loan had a significant impact on tax assessments in 2023. Once the water system financing has been secured, the FBC can fine tune future tax assessments, but the 20 year repayment of a \$1.6 million loan will have lasting impact.

I must close by thanking all committee members for their willingness to actively serve on the FBC and thank the community for entrusting the stewardship of its financial assets and operations to us. If you have questions, or just wish to chat, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Respectfully,

Al Bartosic – Chair (quonniefinance@gmail.com)

Jim Blair

Brooke Cote

Jim Furnivall

Tom McConnell

Jeff Matthews

Barry Okun

Carolynne Weidler – Treasurer, Ex Officio

QCBFD

Summary Budget History

2023 Budget As Approved by Board of Governors 8/27/22

Unaudited

	Y-o-Y 4.2%	Y-o-Y 20.1%	Y-o-Y 2.1%	Y-o-Y 9.7%			Y-o-Y 36.7%
	Final Actual Fiscal 2019	Final Actual Fiscal 2020	Final Actual Fiscal 2021	Approved Budget Fiscal 2022	Estimated Results Fiscal 2022	Estimated Variance 2022	BoG Approved Budget Fiscal 2023
Sources of funds - Operating							
Tax revenue	306,326	367,902	375,542	412,000	412,000	-	563,266
Other Revenue	11,627	8,650	13,053	6,900	9,260	2,360	10,800
Interest income	3,655	1,580	576	1,500	254	(1,246)	300
Total Operating Sources	321,608	378,131	389,171	420,400	421,514	1,114	574,366
Uses of funds - Operating							
Fire Protection	116,186	118,855	123,270	130,000	126,500	(3,500)	150,000
Community Property	77,281	81,645	80,007	80,000	78,607	(1,393)	81,250
Public Works	36,083	39,969	35,648	50,000	33,947	(16,053)	34,850
Police/Security	12,999	14,638	10,443	17,650	8,000	(9,650)	18,000
Interest Expense	4,613	4,091	3,517	15,422	3,282	(12,140)	52,998
Other Expenses	33,003	28,332	35,051	49,100	42,975	(6,125)	61,850
Total Operating Uses	280,165	287,530	287,935	342,172	293,311	(48,861)	398,948
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	41,443	90,601	101,236	78,228	128,203	49,975	175,418
Reserve Funding							
Reserve Funding	33,500	46,200	30,600	41,750	41,750	-	38,000
Net Free Surplus from Operations	7,943	44,401	70,636	36,478	86,453	49,975	137,418
Items to Adjust to Cash							
Other Adjustments, Net	(71,514)	(26,037)	89,481		(72,893)	(72,893)	(52,000)
Borrowing to Fund Water System				1,600,000	-	(1,600,000)	1,600,000
Water System Asset			(206,794)	(1,600,000)	(53,000)	1,547,000	(1,600,000)
Principal Payment on Water System Loan	(9,787)	(10,309)	(10,885)	(36,478)	(11,478)	25,000	(67,418)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(73,358)	8,055	(57,562)	0	(50,918)	(50,918)	18,000
Opening Cash (All accounts xcept Merch)	395,755	322,397	330,452	272,890	272,890	0	221,972
Ending Cash (All accounts xcept Merch)	322,397	330,452	272,890	\$ 272,890	\$ 221,972	\$ (50,918)	\$ 239,972

QCBFD
2023 Budget
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Unaudited

	Y-o-Y 4.2%	Y-o-Y 20.1%	Y-o-Y 2.1%	Y-o-Y 9.7%		Y-o-Y 36.7%
	Final Actual Fiscal 2019	Final Actual Fiscal 2020	Final Actual Fiscal 2021	BoG Approved Budget Fiscal 2022	PROJECTED FISCAL 2022	BoG Approved Budget Fiscal 2023
Sources of funds - Operating						
Tax revenue	306,326	367,902	375,542	412,000	412,000	563,266
Lease to tennis club	1,200	1,200	1,620	1,400	1,400	1,600
Road impact fees	6,000	5,000	3,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
Boat Slicker Fees			6,126	4,500	4,860	6,200
Lost beach pass fees/Misc	4,427	2,450	2,307		2,000	
Interest income	3,655	1,580	576	1,500	254	300
Total Operating Sources	321,608	378,131	389,171	420,400	421,514	574,366
Uses of funds - Operating						
Charter, legal, negotiation fees	2,604	1,386	952	2,600	2,100	1,925
Communications	1,704	725	1,246	1,200	1,200	3,850
Administration	3,807	2,639	3,772	5,800	5,200	6,300
Bookkeeping Services/Audit			4,200	12,000	8,150	15,000
Memberships (Salt Ponds/RISC/Hist Soc)	400	500	500	500	-	500
Ball field/playground	219		-	500	-	500
Beaches dunes	3,876	4,151	4,725	2,500	5,553	5,500
Boating/docking	2,201	1,200	1,200	1,000	1,209	2,000
CP - Other	9,759	13,639	12,007	12,000	9,750	13,250
CP - Garbage	67,522	68,006	68,000	68,000	68,857	68,000
Fire Protection (Dunn's Corners)	116,186	118,855	123,270	130,000	126,500	150,000
Police/security	12,999	14,638	10,443	17,650	8,000	18,000
PW - Water operator (NWSI)	8,647	8,855	8,855	18,000	31,652	12,350
PW - Water system	25,573	27,881	24,742	30,000		20,000
PW - Roads	1,863	3,233	2,050	2,000	2,295	2,500
Long Range Planning						2,000
Tennis	340	575	401	1,000	430	1,000
Interest Expense:						
Water project loan	4,613	4,091	3,517	2,922	3,082	2,295
Line of Credit interest			-	5,000	200	1,000
Other Interest expense	-		-	7,500	-	49,703
Taxes (Charlestown)	4,904	4,460	4,198	6,000	6,061	6,000
Insurance	12,605	12,545	13,699	15,000	12,000	16,275
Miscellaneous expense	344	150	158	1,000	1,072	1,000
Total Operating Uses	280,165	287,530	287,935	342,172	293,311	398,948
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	41,443	90,601	101,236	78,228	128,203	175,418
Multi Year Authorizations						
Contingency	5,000	10,000	6,422	-		5,000
Water System	26,500	35,000	5,000	25,000	25,000	5,000
Road Fund		1,200	9,600	9,500	9,500	9,500
Ballfield & Playground			2,700	1,000	1,000	1,000
Long Range Planning			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Tennis Courts	2,000		1,450	750	750	1,000
Boat Launch			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Beach & Dunes			1,428	1,500	1,500	12,500
Community Property			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Police Liaison/Security			1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Reserve Funding	33,500	46,200	30,600	41,750	41,750	38,000
Net Free Surplus from Operations	7,943	44,401	70,636	36,478	86,453	137,418
Items to Adjust to Cash						
Construction Escrow Received (Paid)		(10,000)	(5,000)		(5,000)	
Asset Additions (New Water System)			(206,794)		(53,000)	
Other Net Changes in Cash (A.P. Accrued Exp etc)	2,000	27,950	138,875		(93,643)	
Borrowing to Fund Water System				1,600,000		1,600,000
Water System Asset				(1,600,000)		(1,600,000)
Principal Payment on Water System Loan	(9,787)	(10,309)	(10,885)	(11,478)	(11,478)	(12,105)
Principal Payment on New Water System Loan				(25,000)	-	(55,313)
LOC Borrowings					60,000	
Repayment of Principal on LOC borrowings					(60,000)	(70,000)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Reserve Funding	(73,514)	(43,987)	(44,394)		25,750	18,000
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(73,514)	8,055	(57,562)	0	(50,918)	18,000
Opening Cash (All accounts except Merch)	395,755	322,397	330,452	272,890	272,890	221,972
Ending Cash (All accounts except Merch)	322,397	330,452	272,890	272,890	221,972	239,972

Merchandise Sales/Special Events

YoY Increase %	38%	20%	25%
Merchandise Sales Revenue	\$ 106,186	\$ 127,420	\$ 159,589
Special Events Revenue			
Interest Income		\$ 44	\$ 189
Total Revenue	\$ 106,186	\$ 127,464	\$ 159,778
Merchandise Sales- Cost of Sales	\$ 61,338	\$ 74,989	\$ 86,511
Gross Margin %	42%	41%	46%
Other Special Events Costs	\$ 3,511	\$ 3,112	\$ 3,469
90th Anniversary Dance Accrual	\$ 15,000		
Total Costs	\$ 79,849	\$ 78,102	\$ 89,980
Merchandise Sales/Special Events Gross Surplus	\$ 26,337	\$ 49,362	\$ 69,797
Less: Approved Contributions to District projects	\$ (8,500)	\$ (10,495)	\$ (45,000)
Net Special Events/Merchandise Sales Surplus	\$ 17,837	\$ 38,867	\$ 24,797

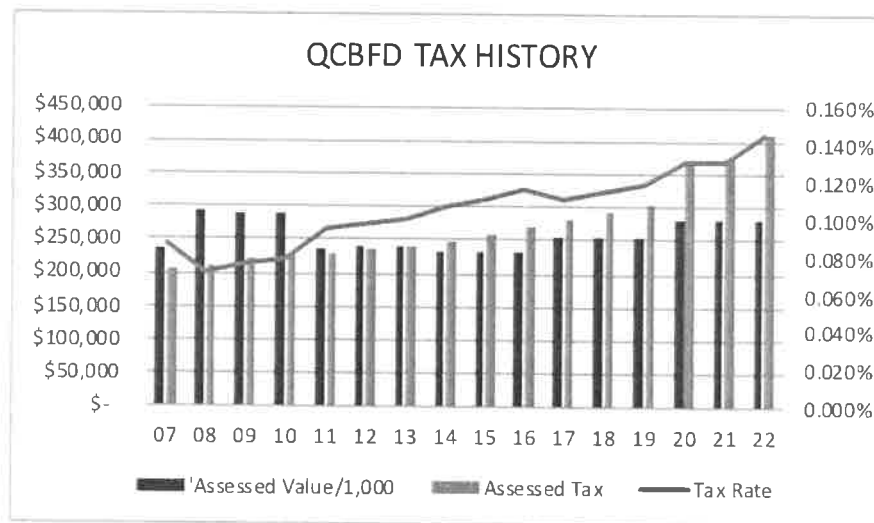
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	Contingency Fund	Water Fund	Road Fund	Boat Fund	Ballfld/Plygnd Fund	LRP Fund	BeachDunes Fund	Comm Prop Fund	Police/Sec Fund	Compliance Fund	Tennis Fund	Total	Merchandise Sales
Balance 12/31/21	\$ 77,792	\$ 4,221	\$ 14,683	\$ 829	\$ 2,700	\$ 708	\$ 578	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,150	\$ 109,661	\$ 34,784
Funding 2022		25,000	9,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,000	1,000		750	41,750	
MS Grants 2022													
Reallocations (Estimated)	(5,000)						5,000						4,800
MS Grants closed to SE equity													
Actual spending 1/1 - 7/31		(6,565)				(70)						(6,635)	(4,098)
Estimated spending - 8/1 - 12/31		(3,865)				(500)	(5,000)					(9,365)	(24,859)
2021 accrual closed to fund balance	(25,886)											(25,886)	
Estimated Balance 12/31/22	\$ 46,906	\$ 18,791	\$ 24,183	\$ 1,829	\$ 3,700	\$ 1,138	\$ 2,078	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 1,900	\$ 109,525	\$ 10,627
Funding 2023													
Reallocations	5,000	5,000	9,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	12,500	1,000	1,000		1,000	38,000	
Spending	(3,000)	(5,000)					(12,000)					(20,000)	
Estimated Balance 12/31/23	\$ 48,906	\$ 18,791	\$ 33,683	\$ 2,829	\$ 4,700	\$ 2,138	\$ 2,578	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,900	\$ 127,525	\$ 10,627

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Assessed Value of Taxable Property and Tax Rates
(unaudited)

Fiscal Year (2007-2022)	Total Taxable Assessed Value (000)	Total Tax Assessed	Total Direct Tax Rate	Tax Rate/ \$1,000
07	\$ 238,015	\$ 205,669	0.08641%	0.8641
08	\$ 292,717	\$ 209,791	0.07167%	0.7167
09	\$ 287,722	\$ 220,280	0.07656%	0.7656
10	\$ 287,709	\$ 227,089	0.07893%	0.7893
11	\$ 238,111	\$ 227,086	0.09537%	0.9537
12	\$ 239,722	\$ 235,168	0.09810%	0.9810
13	\$ 239,722	\$ 241,640	0.10080%	1.0080
14	\$ 232,176	\$ 249,497	0.10746%	1.0746
15	\$ 232,672	\$ 259,430	0.11150%	1.1150
16	\$ 233,563	\$ 271,867	0.11640%	1.1640
17	\$ 253,772	\$ 282,956	0.11150%	1.1150
18	\$ 254,551	\$ 294,160	0.11556%	1.1556
19	\$ 255,698	\$ 306,121	0.11972%	1.1972
20	\$ 279,991	\$ 367,628	0.13130%	1.3130
21	\$ 281,516	\$ 375,542	0.13130%	1.3130
22	\$ 283,392	\$ 412,052	0.14538%	1.4538



**Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021
(Unaudited)**

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Operating Budget vs. Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Actual	Budget	Over (Under) Budget	% of Budget
Sources of funds - Operating:				
Taxes	\$ 375,542.39	\$ 375,300.00	\$ 242.39	100.1%
Tennis lease	1,620.00	1,400.00	220.00	115.7%
Boat revenue	6,126.00	4,000.00	2,126.00	153.2%
Lost beach passes	75.00	-	75.00	#DIV/0!
Road impact fees	3,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00	150.0%
Miscellaneous fees	2,232.15	-	2,232.15	#DIV/0!
Interest income	575.92	2,000.00	(1,424.08)	28.8%
Total Operating Sources	389,171.46	384,700.00	4,471.46	101.2%
Uses of funds - Operating:				
Charter, legal, negotiation fees	952.00	2,600.00	(1,648.00)	36.6%
Communications	1,246.01	1,200.00	46.01	103.8%
Administration	3,771.71	3,800.00	(28.29)	99.3%
Bookkeeping services	4,200.00	12,400.00	(8,200.00)	33.9%
Donations/Memberships	500.00	500.00	-	100.0%
Ballfield/Playground	-	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
Beach/Dunes	4,724.97	4,500.00	224.97	105.0%
Boating	1,200.00	1,200.00	-	100.0%
Community property	12,006.96	12,000.00	6.96	100.1%
Community property - Garbage	68,000.08	68,000.00	0.08	100.0%
Community property - Fire	123,269.86	128,000.00	(4,730.14)	96.3%
Police/security	10,443.15	17,000.00	(6,556.85)	61.4%
Public works - water system	33,597.21	40,000.00	(6,402.79)	84.0%
Public works - roads/parking lots	2,050.31	1,000.00	1,050.31	205.0%
Tennis	401.00	1,000.00	(599.00)	40.1%
Loan interest	3,516.90	13,515.00	(9,998.10)	26.0%
Real estate taxes	4,198.30	5,500.00	(1,301.70)	76.3%
Insurance	13,698.73	14,500.00	(801.27)	94.5%
Miscellaneous	157.97	1,000.00	(842.03)	15.8%
Total Operating Uses	287,935.16	328,215.00	(40,279.84)	87.7%
Operating Surplus (Deficit)	101,236.30	56,485.00	44,751.30	179.2%
Reserve Funding	30,600.00	30,600.00	-	100.0%
Net Free Surplus from Operations	\$ 70,636.30	\$ 25,885.00	\$ 44,751.30	272.9%

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021

	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Special Events</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash			
Checking	\$ 4,128.19		\$ 4,128.19
Special events checking		\$ 3,453.25	3,453.25
Municipal money market	27,853.97		27,853.97
Insured cash sweep	220,906.76		220,906.76
Special events money market		157,332.29	157,332.29
Escrow	20,001.00		20,001.00
	<u>272,889.92</u>	<u>160,785.54</u>	<u>433,675.46</u>
Special events inventory		12,006.43	12,006.43
Fixed assets	<u>1,234,762.41</u>	<u>5,702.48</u>	<u>1,240,464.89</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,507,652.33</u>	<u>\$ 178,494.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,146.78</u>
Escrow payable	\$ 20,000.00		\$ 20,000.00
Accounts payable	71,871.49		71,871.49
Accrued expenses	46,771.00		46,771.00
Water system loan	60,114.14		60,114.14
Net assets			
Contingency fund	77,791.39		77,791.39
Water conservation fund	4,221.55		4,221.55
Road fund	14,682.66		14,682.66
Boat fund	828.71		828.71
Ballfield/playground reserve fund	2,700.00		2,700.00
Long range planning reserve	708.45		708.45
Beach & dunes reserve fund	578.00		578.00
Community property reserve	1,000.00		1,000.00
Police/security reserve	1,000.00		1,000.00
Compliance fund	5,000.00		5,000.00
Tennis	1,150.00		1,150.00
Community sales/special events reserve		\$ 34,783.92	34,783.92
Fund balance	<u>1,199,234.94</u>	<u>143,710.53</u>	<u>1,342,945.47</u>
	<u>1,308,895.70</u>	<u>178,494.45</u>	<u>1,487,390.15</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 1,507,652.33</u>	<u>\$ 178,494.45</u>	<u>\$ 1,686,146.78</u>

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash		
Checking	\$ 4,128.19	\$ 20,355.51
Special events checking	3,453.25	17,783.83
Municipal money market	27,853.97	19,665.89
Insured cash sweep	220,906.76	265,430.73
Special events money market	157,332.29	100,143.67
Escrow	20,001.00	25,000.00
	<u>433,675.46</u>	<u>448,379.63</u>
Special events inventory	12,006.43	7,866.95
Fixed assets	<u>1,240,464.89</u>	<u>1,033,670.74</u>
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 1,686,146.78</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,489,917.32</u></u>
Escrow payable	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
Accounts payable	71,871.49	-
Accrued expenses	46,771.00	6,192.48
Water system loan	60,114.14	70,997.24
Net assets		
Contingency fund	77,791.39	45,120.87
Water conservation fund	4,221.55	11,997.78
Road fund	14,682.66	18,500.00
Boat fund	828.71	-
Ballfield/playground reserve fund	2,700.00	-
Long range planning reserve	708.45	-
Beach & dunes reserve fund	578.00	-
Community property reserve	1,000.00	-
Police/security reserve	1,000.00	-
Compliance fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
Tennis	1,150.00	2,800.00
Community sales/special events reserve	34,783.92	51,560.73
Fund balance - special events	143,710.53	118,913.01
Fund balance	<u>1,199,234.94</u>	<u>1,133,835.21</u>
	<u>1,487,390.15</u>	<u>1,387,727.60</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u><u>\$ 1,686,146.78</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,489,917.32</u></u>

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Cash Flow
For the Year Ended December 31, 2021

	Operating	Special Events	Total
Cash flows from operating activities			
Operating surplus	\$ 70,636.30	\$ 24,797.51	\$ 95,433.81
Adjustments to reconcile operating surplus to net cash provided by operating activities			
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			
Special events inventory		(4,139.48)	(4,139.48)
Escrow payable	(5,000.00)		(5,000.00)
Accounts payable	71,871.49		71,871.49
Accrued expenses	40,578.52		40,578.52
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>178,086.31</u>	<u>20,658.03</u>	<u>198,744.34</u>
Cash used in investing activities			
Fixed asset additions	<u>(180,371.23)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(180,371.23)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Current year reserve funding	30,600.00	45,000.00	75,600.00
Expenses paid from reserves	(74,994.19)	(22,800.00)	(97,794.19)
Payments on water system loan	(10,883.10)		(10,883.10)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	<u>(55,277.29)</u>	<u>22,200.00</u>	<u>(33,077.29)</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(57,562.21)	42,858.03	(14,704.18)
Cash, beginning of the period	<u>330,452.13</u>	<u>117,927.50</u>	<u>448,379.63</u>
Cash, end of the period	<u><u>\$ 272,889.92</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 160,785.53</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 433,675.45</u></u>

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Reserves Rollforward
January - December 2021

	Contingency Fund	Water Fund	Road Fund	Boat Fund	Ballfld/Plygnd Fund	LRP Fund	Beach/Dunes Fund	Comm Prop Fund	Police/Sec Fund	Compliance Fund	Tennis Fund	Merchandise Sales	Total
Balance 12/31/20	\$ 45,120.87	\$ 11,997.78	\$ 18,500.00							\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 12,583.92	\$ 96,002.57
Funding 2021	6,422.00	5,000.00	9,600.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,428.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	-	1,450.00	45,000.00	75,600.00
Reallocations	(43,967.78)	31,467.78	6,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,500.00	-	-
Expenses paid	(420.00)	(44,244.01)	(19,417.34)	(171.29)	-	(291.55)	(850.00)	-	-	-	(9,600.00)	(22,800.00)	(97,794.19)
2021 surplus	70,636.63	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,636.63
Balance 12/31/21	\$ 77,791.72	\$ 4,221.55	\$ 14,682.66	\$ 828.71	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 708.45	\$ 578.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,150.00	\$ 34,783.92	\$ 144,445.01

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Notes to Financial Statements
As of December 31, 2021

Long-Term Liabilities

A. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Changes in the District's long-term liabilities are as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Water System Loan	\$70,997	----	\$10,883	\$60,114	\$11,478

B. Loans Payable

The District has entered into one loan agreement with The Washington Trust Company (the "Lender") as follows:

Loan Date	Date of Maturity	Interest Rate (%)	Amount of Original Loan	Balance Outstanding December 31 st , 2021
July 6, 2010	July 6, 2030	5.25	\$175,000	\$60,114

Payments of principal and interest totaling \$1,200 are due on the 6th of every month with the final payment due on September 6th, 2026. The early maturity of the loan is due to prepayment of principal made in prior years.

The note is designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the event that the designation is not effective or for any reason does not constitute a "qualified tax-exempt obligation", then the District will pay to the Lender as additional interest an amount such that the yield on the note is not diminished by the occurrence of an event of non-deductibility.

Interest paid during the year was \$3,517.

C. Revolving Credit Facility

The District has entered into a Loan Agreement dated December 28th, 2005 as Amended (the "Agreement") with the Lender which provides for revolving credit loans for up to a maximum amount of \$500,000. Unpaid principal amounts will bear interest at a floating rate of 75% of the Prime Rate paid monthly in arrears. The Term of the Agreement is one year, though the note is structured as a demand promissory note. The existing maturity date is September 10, 2023. The Agreement provides that the principal amount of the loan will be paid down to zero for a thirty day period each year and any annual extension thereof.

The note is designated as a "qualified tax-exempt obligation" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. In the event that the designation is not effective or for any reason does not constitute a "qualified tax-exempt obligation", then the District will pay to the Lender as additional interest an amount such that the yield on the note is not diminished by the occurrence of an event of non-deductibility.

In order to maintain the existing tax-exempt interest rate on the loan, the District agreed that the proceeds of any draws shall be used solely for the purpose of capital projects in accordance with the requirements of the Internal Revenue

Service. In the event that proceeds are used for purposes other than capital projects, the Lender has reserved the right to adjust the rate on the loan to a taxable rate.

As of December 31st, 2021, there were no outstanding borrowings under this Agreement.

August 23, 2022

QCBFD Nominating Committee Report to the QCBFD Board of Governors

The Nominating Committee recommends the following to serve as Chairs of the standing committees:

COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Mark Alperin* (Chair) (2023), John Pinkos, Debbie Dupree, Anthony Flint*, George Gray, Neal Simon, Meg Deshpande, Ed Mellick, Mary Duffy

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Al Bartosic (Chair) (2019), Brooke Cote, Jim Furnivall, Tom McConnell, Suzanne McDermott, Jeff Matthews, Barry Okun

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Ellen Frost (Chair) (2020), Renee Cohen, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, Anthony Flint, Diane McEnroe, Taylor Rettig

POLICE LIASON

Ron Ruel * (2023)

BEACH GATE MANAGERS

Heather Cotter*, Amy Murphy*, Nancy Picard*(2023)

PUBLIC WORKS

Bob Frazier (Chair)(2022) Vin Bailey, Bill Meyer, Jim Monstream, Fred Newton, Steve Peet, George Prior, Greg Reppucci, Tiffany Van Elslander

The Committee also recommends the following individuals to serve as managers of the various events, activities and spaces of the QCBFD

BALL FIELD AND PLAY GROUND: Matt Defusco (2015)

BEACH AND DUNES: Caroline Crosson Gilpin* (Chairperson 2023)

BOAT LANDING: Will Carpenter (2022)

COMMUNICATIONS / WEB MANAGER TBD

E MAIL BLAST COORDINATOR: Meg Deshpande* (2023)

MERCHANDISE SALES: Dede DePatie Consoli (2017)

SPECIAL EVENTS: Elaine Heilemann (2018)

TENNIS: Mark McEnroe (2019)

The Committee would also like to advise the Board of Governors that it will recommend to the Voters at the September 2022 Annual Meeting that they elect the following individuals to the Board of Governors:

Charles Freedgood* (Moderator), Maud Bailey (Clerk), Mike Lewers* (Treasurer), Al Bartosic, Dede DePatie Consoli, Ellen Frost, Ron Ruel, Mark Alperin*, Fred Newton, Bob Frazier

The Committee will recommend to the voters that they elect the following individuals to important but non-Board positions:

Ben Marlor and Eric Schultheis to serve as Tax Assessors

Christine Harris to serve as Assistant Clerk

Kathy Alperin to serve as Assistant Treasurer for Special Events/Merchandise Sales.

Respectfully submitted by the QCBFD Nominating Committee:

Katherine Huntington(Chair), Ellen Frost, Julie Low, Sue Wales,

Tiffany Van Elslander

The Committee is grateful to and thanks all who have agreed to serve.

*New or changes from previous year