

FINAL August 20, 2025

NOTICE OF MEETING

**QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

August 23, 2025

**Starting at approximately 8:15 a.m.
Charlestown Police Department
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813**

1. Call to Order / Moderator's Opening Remarks: Moderator, Charlie Freedgood

2. Approval of Minutes: Clerk, Debbie Dupre

- i. Approval of Minutes of BoG Meeting held on August 7, 2025;
- ii. Request for any edits or comments to the draft 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes to be presented for approval by the community at this year's Annual Meeting;
- iii. Discussion and possible action in connection with the following resolution, which will be voted on by the District at the Annual Meeting:

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 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 2025 Annual Meeting; and

- iv. Discussion and possible action on items for the 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda.

3. Moderator's Report: Moderator, Charlie Freedgood

- i. Welcome remarks and overview of events since last BoG meeting.

4. Nominations Committee Report: Paul Mathews, Chair

- i. Report, discussion and possible action on the proposed 2025-2026 QCBFD Slate to be presented to the community at the Annual Meeting.

5. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Ray Martino

- i. Update on tax billing and collection.

6. Committee Chairs' Reports:

A. Finance and Budget: Barry Okun, Chair

- i. Discussion and possible action in connection with the following resolutions, which will be voted on by the District at the Annual Meeting:

Resolved, that the 2026 budget as presented at the District Meeting on September 13th, 2025, including an approximate \$566,275 in Tax Revenue (4.3% above 2025), 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 13th, 2025, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$564,000 nor greater than \$567,000. 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 2026 at 12:00 noon based upon December 31st, 2025 assessed values as computed by the town of Charlestown, according to the law and District Charter, 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 2026. 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.

B. Public Works:

Bob Frazier, Chair

- i. Report on developments on the water upgrade project.

C. Long Range Planning:

Renee Cohen, Chair

- i. Update on the status of the draft Comprehensive LRP Plan, with discussion and possible action in connection with the following resolution based on the recommendation of the Long-Range Planning Committee to seek approval of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Comprehensive Plan:

Resolved, that the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Comprehensive Plan as delivered to the Eligible Voters on or before August 31, 2025, and presented at the District Meeting on September 13th, 2025, and as approved by the Board of Governors, be adopted

6. Managers' Reports:

Managers will report updating the BoG on their work since the last BoG Meeting in addition to any specified areas of discussion.

a. Boating

Will Carpenter

b. Special Events

Amy Murphy

c. Merchandise Sales

Julie Low

d. Beach and Dunes

Caroline Gilpin

e. Police Liaison & Manager of Beach Gate Monitors

Ron Ruel

- 1) Report on recent minor vandalism of district signs and bulletin boards; and
- 2) Discussion on the use of web-cam video by district personnel on district property.

f. Ball Field

Matt DeFusco

g. Tennis Courts

Mark McEnroe

7. Adjournment