

MINUTES of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Board of Governors Meeting Monday, May 30, 2011

Members in attendance: Stephen Long, Pat Wildman, Heather Cady, Joe DeMaio, Cecelia McCulloch, George Prior, Shari Frost, Barb Ruel, Ron Ruel, Ted Gilpin and Dick Stabnick.

I. Stephen Long called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

1. **A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting held on March 27, 2011. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

2. The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

III. Committee Reports were delivered:

A. Dick Stabnick – Long-Range Planning:

Dick Stabnick updated the Board of Governors on the process of spraying for removal of the invasive phragmites in Fresh Pond. QCBFD will need to obtain permits in order to spray the pond this fall. The permits could be for this fall or for the following year. The Long-Range Planning Committee will work to educate the QCBFD community on the spraying program and intends to organize a lecture in August at the Quonochontaug Grange in order to educate the entire QCBFD community on the phragmites removal process.

Dick Stabnick explained that QCBFD is working with a biologist, Linda Steer, who will handle the filing of the applications for the necessary permits. QCBFD has paid Linda Steer \$1,500 to begin the application process. She is currently researching grants for QCBFD, which could potentially fund 50% of the cost of the phragmites removal. These grants are offered through the State of Rhode Island and the National Resource Conservation Foundation.

Dick Stabnick reported that the phragmites removal program is a three-year process. The cost of the removal program is estimated to be \$20,000 per year for three years. The goal is for QCBFD to obtain a grant from the State of Rhode Island in order to fund a portion of this cost. Dick Stabnick also reported that several private individuals within the QCBFD community have offered to fund a portion of the phragmites spraying and removal. It was agreed by the Board of Governors that we would not collect donations until after the QCBFD community had approved the phragmites removal at its Annual Meeting in September.

B. Joe DeMaio – Finance & Budget:

Joe DeMaio discussed the April 30, 2011 budget numbers and the 2011 QCBFD budget estimates. See attached Exhibit A.

C. Pat Wildman – Treasurer:

Pat Wildman reported that tax invoices will be sent out at the end of the summer and that she will be in charge of collecting the taxes. Jack Frost and Tom Farrell act as the QCBFD tax assessors.

D. Barb Ruel –Special Events:

1. Barb Ruel reported that the QCBFD summer calendar is filling up nicely and that the Special Events committees are all in full swing, preparing for the summer season.

2. Barb Ruel explained that the merchandise/logo sales pre-season work is going well under the direction of Elaine Battista and Dede Consoli.

E. George Prior – Public Works:

1. The Public Works Committee has installed a new UV system to disinfect the QCBFD water. This UV system is fully operational at this point and is disinfecting approximately one-half of the water in the tank. Additionally, the new two-horsepower pump has been installed and is working. George Prior reported that the new pump was running exclusively up until Memorial Day

weekend.

2. George Prior reported on the ongoing analysis of QCBFD's potential third well. Public Works is considering whether it should clean up our second well rather than replace it with a third well. Asa Hoxie has completed his inspection of the second well and found hardened iron deposits on the screen of the second well. The question for Public Works is whether QCBFD should rebuild the existing second well or replace it with a new third well. The consensus seems to be that it would be better to fix the second well rather than build a new third well.

3. George Prior reported that the two residents (McConnells and Marlors) who had continued to use the QCBFD water system in order to run their own in-ground sprinkler systems (in violation of the QCBFD "Water System Use Policy") have each corrected the violation and are now in compliance.

4. A discussion took place regarding the upcoming resurfacing of QCBFD's roads. QCBFD has contracted with Dosch-King Paving in the amount of \$28,800 for the resurfacing, including a two-year written guarantee on the work. In addition to the \$28,800 base cost, QCBFD will pay an adjustment for oil prices of \$4,000 and crack sealing costs of \$6,500. Dosch-King has given QCBFD a package rate of \$37,000 to complete the entire job. Dosch-King Paving will sweep the roads of gravel both before and after the resurfacing work is done. The road resurfacing is scheduled to begin in early June.

F. Cecelia McCulloch – Tennis and Golf:

1. Cecelia McCulloch reported that the Charlestown police have requested that QCBFD begin its Fourth of July Fun Run at an earlier time so as to not disrupt holiday traffic. Cecelia explained that the Fun Run will begin at 7:30 a.m. this year and that a permit has been filed with the town to this effect.

2. Cecelia McCulloch also reported that new nets have been installed at the tennis courts.

G. Tom Battista–Real Estate (read by Shari Frost):

In Tom Battista's absence, Shari Frost read the Real Estate report prepared by Tom Battista (attached hereto as Exhibit B). A discussion took place regarding the survey of QCBFD and it was reported that Wes Grant has completed the survey (and will certify it).

H. Ron Ruel–Police Protection:

1. Ron Ruel circulated a written set of rules for the safe operation of golf carts in QCBFD (attached hereto as Exhibit C). A discussion took place regarding such rules and the adoption of said rules by the QCBFD community.

A MOTION was made to adopt the rules on golf cart use (Exhibit C) for a trial period during the summer of 2011. If successful, the rules on golf cart use will be brought to the entire QCBFD community for full passage and approval at the Annual Meeting in September of 2011. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. A discussion took place regarding the addition of two new speed bumps near the QCBFD playground and tennis court area.

A MOTION was made to add two new speed bumps near the playground and tennis courts prior to the scheduled road resurfacing in early June. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

I. Shari Frost – Beach and Dunes:

1. Shari Frost announced the scheduling of two beach safety lectures, the first to be held on July 9th and the second to be held on August 13th. Shari also reported that a Salt Pond Safari has been scheduled for July 19th.

2. A discussion took place regarding the abundance of beach weeds growing in the beach parking lot, dunes area and boardwalk. Shari Frost suggested that Peter Whitman spray the weeds in order to remove them. After discussion, it was agreed that Dick Stabnick would talk to QCBFD's biologist, Linda Steer, before any spraying takes place. Dick will ask Linda Steer to look at the beach weeds and to give the Board her recommendation

as to how to eradicate them.

3. Shari Frost reported that Peter Whitman would repair the damaged portion of the snow fence.

4. A discussion took place regarding the cement steps near the Peet residence. It was agreed that the cement staircase should be left as is.

J. Ted Gilpin-Boating:

1. Ted Gilpin reported that he would work on the guard schedule for the boat launch area.

2. A discussion took place regarding the boat stickers and it was announced that QCBFD will sell stickers for the boat launch area this summer, but that this will be the last year that QCBFD charges for the stickers.

K. Stephen Long – Moderator:

1. Steve Long explained that several QCBFD water lines run under residents' properties and he read a list of property owners who are affected by such water lines. He explained that when Howard Thorp originally deeded and subdivided QCBFD, he included in each deed the right of QCBFD to run water lines under residents' property. Steve Long suggested that a letter be sent to each resident whose property is affected by the water lines, explaining to them that QCBFD holds an easement for the water line under their property. At some point, QCBFD will likely want to locate these water lines using new technology (which makes this possible). Steve Long also reported that it is the obligation of the property owner to contact the appropriate people prior to beginning excavation on any QCBFD property.

2. The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

IV. A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach

Fire District

—