

**MINUTES of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Sunday, June 26, 2011**

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

I. Stephen Long called the meeting to occur 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 May 30, 2011. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

2. The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2011. The August Board of Governors meeting will be held on August 6, 2011.

III. Committee Reports were delivered:

A. Joe DeMaio – Finance & Budget:

1. Joe DeMaio discussed the May 31, 2011 budget numbers. See attached Exhibit A. Joe DeMaio requested that all Board members review their 2012 budgets in order to prepare to draft proposed finance motions for consideration at the August Board meeting.

2. Joe DeMaio reported that the QCBFD D&O and Liability umbrella insurance policy of \$50 million has been renewed.

B. 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. QCBFD's tax responsibilities are being transferred to the assessors. Pat Wildman also reported that, due to a cash flow timing issue caused by tax revenues coming in later, \$50,000 was transferred from the QCBFD savings account to cover certain expenditures.

C. 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. The parade date is Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

2. Barb Ruel indicated that the merchandise/logo sales will begin on Sunday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

3. Barb Ruel reported that Special Events is looking for civic improvement projects on which to invest its funds.



D. George Prior – Public Works:

1. A discussion took place regarding the ongoing copper passivation issue. Public Works has repeated the cooper level testing in the QCBFD water. George Prior reported that 10-15 new homes will also be tested. Public Works is seeking to determine if the Campbell's home is the only home affected with high cooper levels.

2. George Prior reported that Public Works has received a proposal from Atlantic Water Systems to manage the QCBFD water. The proposed contract has come in few thousand dollars less than the existing contract with Northeast. However, Public Works believes that Northeast has more technical ability than Atlantic Water. Public Works believes that QCBFD should maintain its current contract with Northeast at this point. (The Northeast contract expires in 2012.)

3. 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. Asa Hoxie has sent the sludge to a tech company to be analyzed. This company claims it can clean out the iron-based sludge in the wells. Our backup well is in jeopardy. 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.

4. The concrete steps at the Peets have been repaired.

5. A discussion took place regarding the resurfacing of QCBFD's roads. The cracks in the roads have been sealed and set. The stone will be laid down next week. A community e-mail will be sent out to inform all QCBFD residents.

E. Cecelia McCulloch – Tennis and Golf:

Cecelia McCulloch reported that the Fourth of July Fun Run is set to begin at 7:30 a.m. and that all permits are in place.

F. Peter Rettig – Civic Improvement:

1. Peter Rettig reported that the QCBFD trash collection contract has been paid through this season.

2. The bulletin board at the ballfield remains unfinished. Steve Washburn has been unresponsive.

3. A drinking fountain will be installed at the playground.



4. New signage reading "Playground Closes At Dusk" will be affixed to the two telephone poles at the playground.

G. Ron Ruel – Police Protection:

1. Ron Ruel reported that the Charlestown police are cracking down on beach bonfires this summer. Bonfire permits will not be granted by the police at all this year in Charlestown. Ron Ruel will contact the Chief of Police this week to discuss the matter.

2. Ron Ruel reported that the security shifts at the beach have been filled, with Jeff Brody handling the weekend shifts. The raking of seaweed on the beach was also discussed.

H. Shari Frost – Beach and Dunes

A discussion took place regarding the abundance of beach weeds growing in the beach parking lot, dunes area and boardwalk. Shari Frost, after obtaining approval from QCBFD's biologist, Linda Steer, sprayed the weeds in order to remove them. Shari sprayed with Rodeo and will continue to monitor the situation. George Prior sprayed the beach parking lot area for poison ivy.

I. Sue Birk – Nominating Committee:

Sue Birk reported that the Nominating Committee is working on developing recommendations to fill positions in the following areas: Boating, Civic Improvement, Ballfield, Police Protection and Assistant Clerk

J. Ted Gilpin – Boating:

1. Ted Gilpin inquired as to whether QCBFD could access fresh water at the QCBFD dock. It was explained that there is no public water source at the dock.

2. A discussion took place regarding the boat stickers and it was announced that QCBFD will sell stickers for the boat launch area on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the ballfield. John Rooney & Brewster Blackall will also sell stickers from their homes.

K. Stephen Long – Moderator:

1. Steve Long discussed the ongoing correspondence with the Deshpande family over the broken water main on their property. A general discussion took place regarding QCBFD's options as to how best proceed in collecting the \$5,400 spent by the community to repair the broken line. Pat Wildman contacted the Deshpande's insurance company, but received no



cooperation.

2. The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on Saturday, July 23, 2011.

IV. **A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:46 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk

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