

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Board of Governors
held on Saturday, July 16, 2016
at the Charlestown Police Station
Community Room
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown RI 02813**

Members in Attendance: Brewster Blackall, Joe DeMaio, Charlie Freedgood, Tom Frost, Bill Heep, Wally Kelly, Julia Mathews and Tom Wildman

Members Absent: Nancy Matthews and Michele Pallai Reppucci

Also in attendance were Katherine Huntington, Manager of Special Events, Susan Wales, Manager of Tennis, Sally Devin, Assistant Clerk, and members of the public.

I. Call to Order

Tom Frost called the meeting to order at approximately 9:03 a.m.. Tom indicated that our Moderator, Nancy Matthews, was not able to be present and had asked Tom to preside in her absence.

II. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made to approve the draft minutes of the June 25, 2016 meeting of the Board of Governors. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

III. Managers' Report.

QCBFD Marina. Brewster Blackall, Manager of the QCBFD Marina, reported that questions have arisen with respect to the "two-stickers-per-household" policy that the Board adopted at its June 25, 2016 meeting, including whether the policy should be based on lots rather than households. Following discussion, a **motion** was made to modify the motion adopted at the June 25 meeting by changing the references to "households" in the motion to "lots" instead. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

As so revised, the current, approved policy is to limit the distribution of boat passes to two per lot plus one additional pass for any sanctioned mooring position held by an owner of the lot and to honor any requests for additional passes on an as-available, waiting list basis.

Brewster indicated that we may need to make additional changes to our policy as we continue to get closer to maximum capacity at the marina.

IV. Committee Reports

Long Range Planning. Joe DeMaio, Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee, reviewed the insurance standards and related contractual provisions that the Committee recommends for contractors that QCBFD retains. The recommendations are the result of consultations with our own insurance agent and others. The discussion following Joe's remarks revealed that a number of committee chairs and managers who work with contractors are concerned that certain of the proposed standards and provisions might not be achievable with various of the contractors we hire. Joe acknowledged that there would be a need for flexibility but that it was in our interest to try to achieve as many of the proposals as practicable with each contractor.

A **motion** was made to refer the proposed standards and related provisions to the Public Works and Community Property Committees for review and comment. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

Public Works. Wally Kelly, Chair of the Public Works Committee, reported that a joint meeting of the Public Works and Long Range Planning Committees has been scheduled to discuss with Bob Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions, Inc. (NWSI) the June 2016 RI Department of Health engineering evaluation and facility improvement plan prepared by NWSI to address improving source water protection and reduction of nitrates in the QCBFD public water supply.

Wally also updated the Board on the most recent nitrate level test results for the District's water system. The levels are about the same as they were for the corresponding period last year.

V. Old Business

Defibrillators. Julia Mathews reported that two defibrillators have been ordered and updated the Board on plans to educate the community about their use and provide appropriate training. Julia also noted that, while focusing on

options for this training, she, Michele Pallai Reppucci, and Tom Lanna have become aware of an option for CPR training that they may explore further and make the subject of a recommendation to the Board.

Fire Protection Services. Bill Heep reviewed the status of discussions with Dunn's Corners Fire District for a new contract. The discussions have proceeded slowly while Dunn's Corners focused on contracts with others, and Bill does not expect that a proposed new contract will be ready for presentation to the District voters prior to 2017. In the meantime, we will continue under the terms of the old contract, subject to retroactive application of the terms of the new contract for periods after the end of this year.

VI. New Business

Bicycle Safety. Tom Frost noted that a resident has suggested that the District adopt a rule requiring cyclists under age 16 to wear a helmet or adopt another rule on the subject consistent with Rhode Island law. It was agreed by consensus to ask our Police Liaison, Michele Pallai Reppucci, to find out what rules Charlestown may have adopted on the subject and report to the Board.

Nominating Committee. Tom reported that Nancy has appointed a Nominating Committee in accordance with our by-laws. Members of the Committee are Roy Jacobsen (chair), Diane McEnroe and Vinnie Reppucci. Everyone should feel free to make suggestions to any member of the Nominating Committee for nominees for election as officers or as members of the Board of Governor or recommendations for appointment as Managers or Committee chairs or members.

VII. Adjournment

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:03 a.m.. The motion was seconded and **passed** unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas R. Wildman, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District