

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Board of Governors
held on Saturday, September 17, 2016
at the Quonochontaug Grange
5662 Post Road
Charlestown RI 02813**

Members in Attendance: Brewster Blackall, Tom Farrell, Charlie Freedgood, Tom Frost, Julie Low, Vince Reppucci, Randy Thornton and Tom Wildman

Members Absent: Jim Mara and Julia Mathews

Also in attendance were Roy Jacobsen, Chair of the 2016 Nominating Committee, Peter Rettig, Manager of Beach and Dunes, and Susan Wales, Tennis Manager,

I. Call to Order

The Moderator, Randy Thornton, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:10 a.m..

II. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made to approve the draft minutes of the August 20, 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 (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

III. Appointment of Committee Chairs and Members

A **motion** was made to appoint the Committee Chairs and members indicated below in accordance with the recommendations of the Nominating Committee, which motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

Long Range Planning Committee: Tom Farrell (Chair), Chris Getman, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, George Prior, Ron Jarvis, Kate Thornton, Ellen Frost

Finance and Budget Committee: Charlie Freedgood (Chair), Julia Mathews (ex-officio), Al Bartosic, Jim Blair, John Pinkos, Nancy Farrell, Barry Okun,

Public Works Committee: Vincent Reppucci (Chair), Dick Campbell, Tom Frost, Jim Montstream, Steve Peet, Greg Reppucci, George Prior, James Finn, Bob Frazier

Community Property Committee: Jim Mara (Chair), George Gray, Len Kovacs, Neal Simon, Peter Gaffey, Richard Stabnick, Meg Deshpande

IV. Appointment of Managers

A **motion** was made to appoint the following Managers in accordance with the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Such motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie):

Brewster Blackall, Manager of Boating/Marina
Julie Low, Police Liaison and Manager of Beach Gate Monitors
Matthew DeFusco, Commissioner of Ballfield and Playground
Peter Rettig, Manager of Beach and Dunes
Kathy Alperin, Manager of Merchandise Sales
Katherine Huntington, Manager of Special Events
Susan Wales, Commissioner of Tennis
Betty Wilson, Webmaster
Kate Thornton, E-Mail Blast Coordinator

V. Tennis Club Lease

Randy reported that he and Nancy Matthews had met with representatives of the Quonochontaug Tennis Club to discuss terms of a new lease of the QCBFD land on which two of the club's courts are located. The current 10-year lease is about to expire. Randy said that he and Nancy had advised the club that, given the uncertainty over what, if any, modifications we may need to make to our water system to address nitrate, iron and/or other issues, they would only recommend that the Board of Governors approve at this time a single year lease with a reservation of the right to take back the leased land at any time if we need it for modifications or enhancements to our water system. A discussion followed during which it was noted that the Tennis Club is an important part of the Quonnie community and that it would be unfortunate to

disrupt the courts on QCBFD land but that, if it becomes necessary to use the land for our water system, the water system must have priority. It was remarked that the Tennis Club understood this.

Following discussion, a **motion** was made to approve a new one-year lease to the Quonochontaug Tennis Club, on terms substantially the same as those in effect but with the reservation of rights described by Randy, and to authorize Randy or another Board member designated by him to execute and deliver the lease. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motion other than (i) the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie, and (ii) Julie Low, who voted against the motion.

VI. Use of Grange Hall

Tom Wildman noted that the Friends of the Quonochontaug Grange have begun requiring a written contract for use of the building and are formalizing other requirements such as supplying evidence of insurance. FOTQG has also begun charging a cancellation fee in at least some cases when the building is reserved and then not used. While the new requirements are generally not unreasonable, committee chairs should remember that there is no fee for use of the Community Room at the Charlestown Police Station and that this room remains set up for meetings, in consequence of which the Board of Governors has generally regarded the Community Room as the preferred location for small meetings if it is available.

VII. Adjournment

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.. The motion was seconded and **passed** unanimously.

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