

**MINUTES
of the
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday, July 17, 2010**

Members in attendance: Stephen Long, Pat Wildman, Heather Cady, Joe DeMaio, Bill Meyer, Tom Frost, Peter Rettig, Dick Stabnick, Ron Ruel, Barb Ruel, Carrie Gilpin, Ted Gilpin and Diane McEnroe.

I. Stephen Long called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 27, 2010 Board of Governors Meeting were presented for approval.

A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2010 Board of Governors Meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. Committee Reports were delivered:

A. Joe DeMaio – Finance & Budget:

1. A discussion took place on the plan to open an FDIC-insured money market account at NewportFed. The purpose of opening this new account would be for QCBFD's deposits at Washington Trust to remain within the FDIC insurance limits. **A MOTION was made to allow the QCBFD Treasurer to open an FDIC-insured money market account at NewportFed. Said Treasurer is authorized to invest up to \$225,000 of QCBFD funds in such account. Said Treasurer and the QCBFD Moderator are authorized to execute any and all documents required by NewportFed to open such account. The following three individuals are authorized to access the NewportFed account: Stephen Long, Moderator, Patricia Wildman, Treasurer, and Joseph DeMaio, Finance Commissioner. The NewportFed account may be accessed at any time by QCBFD without penalty by NewportFed.**

2. A discussion took place concerning the refinancing of the water project upgrade. It was noted that the loan from Washington Trust, a 20-year, 5 1/4% fixed rate loan for \$175,000, closed on July 6, 2010. The monthly loan payment is \$1,200 and the loan may be prepaid at any time.

B. Ron Ruel – Police Protection:

1. Ron Ruel reported that there have been several complaints involving motorists running through the stop signs at the Seabreeze/Sunset and West Beach Road intersection.
2. Detective Sara, youth officer, met with Central Beach teenagers (ages 16-21) at an open meeting at the Reppucci's home over the 4th of July weekend.
3. The Charlestown Police department has requested that QCBFD move its annual Fourth of July Fun Run to an earlier start time.

C. Tom Frost – Real Estate:

1. A discussion took place regarding the drainage pipe that was installed by Public Works under the Oceanview Avenue right-of-way to relieve a flooding problem on the road and adjacent property. A complaint about the drainage pipe had been received from a Oceanview Avenue property owner in the general vicinity of the pipe. Tom Frost and Peter Whitman have examined the pipe and determined that the pipe is in the QCBFD right-of-way. Any excess drainage water will flow into the pond. Real Estate has recommended leaving the pipe as it is. Tom Frost also recommended that all future drainage pipes be documented by QCBFD.
2. Tom Frost suggested that QCBFD should document all underground electrical systems.
3. A discussion took place regarding beach access and QCBFD's fee simple right-of-ways to the beach. It was reported that certain QCBFD property owners have approached other QCBFD residents and asked them to move off the beach, in particular at "Little Beach."

D. Peter Rettig – Civic Improvement: A discussion took place concerning the recent planting of the nine-foot buffer zone along the newly expanded playground. Peter has received no complaints from neighbors.

E. Bill Meyer – Public Works:

1. The July 2010 water testing was satisfactory with respect to choliform bacteria.
2. A discussion took place regarding the new QCBFD water system use policy. The language of the new water system use policy is as follows: "QCBFD WATER SYSTEM USE POLICY: The use of the QCBFD water system for the outdoor watering of lawns and gardens is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on all Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from July 1st through Labor Day. The use of the QCBFD

water system for the outdoor watering of lawns and gardens is limited to personal hand held hose during the permitted periods. The use of the QCBFD water system for hose attached automatic water sprinklers and in-ground water irrigation systems is not permitted at any time. Any request for an exception to this policy must be made in advance of any watering, and in writing, to the Commissioner of Public Works.”

A MOTION was made to approve the proposed QCBFD water system use policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

F. Richard Stabnick – Long Range Planning:

1. A discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of having a survey completed of QCBFD.
2. The Rhode Island legislative process was discussed.
3. A discussion took place concerning the need to hire an attorney to review any proposed changes to the QCBFD charter.
4. A discussion took place regarding the invasive vegetation and fragmites in QCBFD’s Fresh Pond. Two major types of vegetation are currently invading Fresh Pond: lilies and fragmites. The lilies could be cut back using a rake/mower attached to a motor boat. The cost to QCBFD to purchase such a mower attachment would be \$4,200. It was agreed that the mower attachment could help to open up the pond by clearing the free water that is currently there. It was agreed that the purchase of such a mower attachment should be taken to the QCBFD community for approval in the 2011 budget.
5. A discussion took place regarding the Town of Charlestown’s flood response program. Any Charlestown resident may register with the town so that in the case of severe flooding, the fire department could be sent in to rescue registered individuals. It was agreed that a storm water system in QCBFD would be prohibitively expensive.

G. Barb Ruel—Special Events:

1. Merchandise logo sales were reported to be going well.
2. The improvements to the basketball court have been well received.
3. A discussion took place regarding the replacement of the old QCBFD shed behind the tennis courts. Sue Birk has researched a shed manufacturer located in Narragansett, Rhode Island. The goal would be for the logo merchandise inventory to be housed in the new shed during the week in a separate locked area. A question was raised as to whether we need any type of permit to replace the existing shed. Tom Frost volunteered to check on this issue with Town Hall. It was also agreed that

Special Events will research the feasibility of equipping the new shed with electricity. The Special Events Committee has agreed to pay for the new shed.

A MOTION was made to replace the old shed behind the ballfield/tennis courts. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

H. Diane McEnroe—Nominating Committee: Tom Frost and Carrie Gilpin are each currently serving their final year on the Board of Governors. Tom Frost's position will be filled by Tom Battista. Carrie Gilpin's position will be filled by Shari Frost.

I. Ted Gilpin--Boating: Ted reported that the QCBFD boat launch continues to be used by non-Central Beach residents. The Boating Committee is attempting to resolve this issue.

J. Carrie Gilpin—Beach and Dunes:

1. The cement staircase leading to the beach near the Peets' property may be in need of repair. Carrie agreed to contact Peter Whitman to investigate the condition of such staircase.

2. A beach clean-up is scheduled.

3. A beach rescue lecture was held in July.

K. Stephen Long—Moderator:

The next Board of Governors meeting will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010.

IV. A MOTION was made to adjourn at 11:30 a.m.. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District