

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Board of Governors
7:00pm, March 30, 2022
Via ZOOM**

Members in attendance: Al Bartosic, Dede Consoli, Ellen Frost, Julia Mathews, Susan Wilson-Perez, Maud Bailey, Julie Low, Fred Newton, Bob Frazier and Carollyne Weidler

Also in attendance were Chris Harris, Assistant Clerk, Peter Rettig, Manager of Beach and Dunes, and members of the public

1. Call to order

Moderator, Susan Wilson- Perez

The Moderator, Susan Wilson Perez, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Clerk, Maud Bailey

One edit was made to the draft minutes of the BoG meeting dated 3/26/22 that were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made to approve the draft minutes as amended of the BoG Meeting dated March 26, 2022. The motion was seconded and passed with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

3. Moderator's Report

Moderator, Sue Wilson-Perez

Sue started her report with a discussion of the Summer Road Race Event which in the past has been part of the July 4th holiday activities. Because of the pandemic the race has not been held in the last 2 years. Sue wanted to make sure the BoG had no questions or issues with holding the fun run this year so that the organizers could start working on it. No questions or comments were raised so they can start working on the race.

Sue then moved on to the Water Treatment project which is the primary subject of this meeting. Al took the floor, he had two motions concerning Public Works and the Water Treatment Project.

The first motion concerned the CRMC notice of administrative fine. PW had requested funding to retain an environmental consultant to work with the District on the administrative action with the CRMC. There was discussion about the amount of the motion.

A **motion** was made to retain Scott P. Rabideau, PWS of Natural Resource Services, Inc. to assist QCBFD in the matter of the CRMC Administrative fine up to the amount of \$4,999.99. The **motion** was **seconded** as presented and **passed** with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

Al made his second motion. A **motion** to fund the Water Treatment Chlorination System as required by the RIDOH up to \$100,000 RFP obtained in accordance to RI Competitive Bidding practices.

The **motion** was **seconded** as presented and **passed** with Al Bartosic, Dede Consoli, Ellen Frost, Julia Mathews, Maud Bailey, Julie Low, Fred Newton, and Carollyne Weidler voting in favor. Bob Frazier abstained. Sue ended this discussion by thanking everyone for all the work done on this issue.

4. Committee Chair Reports:

A. Public Works

Bob Frazier

The CRMC item was dealt with during the Moderator's report so Sue asked Bob to continue to his second item on the agenda, "Discussion and possible action concerning water system connection, including costs, to QCBFD lots 290 and 294." Sue started the discussion by updating where we were on this issue. The BoG had asked PW for clarification of what they wanted the BoG to do on this issue. During the interim Julia Mathews did research in the QCBFD archives and found documents that clarified what parties should bear the costs of water connection in situations like Lot 290 and 294. The Clerk explained that Julia found the information in the minutes of the September 1991 Annual Meeting. During that meeting, that the community voted that in cases where there had been a land transfer of a lot after the date of that Annual Meeting (9/14/91) the costs of water connection would be borne by the new lot owner. After this discovery we contacted our counsel who informed us that a community vote outweighed the By Laws. A discussion about the 1991 events ensued.

The Clerk made the following motion: As per the 1991 Community vote that laid out the cost bearing structure for water connection for lot owners who purchased their lots after 9/14/91 and as that rule is applied that rule to Lot 290 and 294, the BoG finds that the owners of lots 290 and 294 should bear the costs of water connection that the PW committee has estimated to be \$8,000. The **motion** was **seconded** as presented and **passed** with Al Bartosic, Dede Consoli, Julia Mathews, Maud Bailey, Julie Low, Fred Newton, Bob Frazier and Carollynne Weidler voting in favor. Ellen Frost voted against the motion. The motion passed.

Following the vote was a discussion on the last item on the agenda, on roads, signage, speed bumps, drainage, ROW repairs/alterations, vegetation. The discussion centered around homeowners building and planting on adjacent District property and District's right of ways. Bob and Fig discussed PW creating a mechanism to make the community aware of this issue and some procedure so that PW can review and approve of homeowners building and planting and District land and right of ways. Sue will include this information in her spring mailing. PW will conduct an audit to identify problems. After the audit PW will decide how best to follow up with homeowners where issues have been identified.

5. Adjournment. Motion was made to adjourn was seconded and passed with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

Respectfully Submitted,

Maud Bailey, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District