

**Minutes of the Meeting of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District  
Board of Governors held on Saturday, May 22, 2021  
Via Zoom Videoconference (COVID RELATED)**

**Members in Attendance:** Maud Bailey, Al Bartosic, DeDe Consoli, Ellen Frost, Julie Low, Julia Mathews, Fred (Fig) Newton, Roberta Peet, Vinny Reppucci and Susan Wilson-Perez.

Members Absent: Maud Bailey (for most of the meeting)

Also in attendance were Chris Harris, Assistant Clerk, Elaine Heilemann, Co-Manager of Special Events, Peter Rettig, Manager of Beach and Dunes, Bob Frazier, Manager of Boating, Mark McEnroe, Manager of Tennis Courts, Kathy Alperin, Treasurer of Merchandise Sales and members of the public.

**1. Call to Order**

**Susan Wilson-Perez**

The Moderator, Susan Wilson-Perez, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00am. Sue thanked everyone for working hard during this already busy year and the season is about to start.

**2. Approval of Minutes:**

**Assistant Clerk, Chris Harris**

No edits were made to the May 8, 2021 BoG Meeting Minutes as distributed prior to the meeting. A **motion** was made to approve the minutes of the BoG Meeting dated May 8, 2021 as previously sent. 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).

**3. Treasurer's Report:**

**Treasurer, Roberta Peet**

Roberta reported that prior to the meeting she had sent out 1st Quarter Financials. There were no questions, she reminded the BoG that purchases on behalf of the QCBFD should be sale tax free so if anyone needs the certificate, she has it and will send them a copy.

**4. Moderator's Report:**

**Moderator, Susan Wilson-Perez**

Sue led a discussion concerning nominations and the Nomination Committee including: tenure of current members of the BoG, and Managers; Sue reported that Mark was planning an eblast advertising positions available for next year. discussion and possible action of BoG member serving on Nominations Committee this year.

Sue then reported to the BoG a request for an agenda item for this year's Annual Meeting on Beach Parking lot procedures.

**5. Committee Chairs' Reports:**

**a. Long Range Planning**

**Ellen Frost**

Ellen updated the BoG on what LRP has been working on over the winter. Concerning the Comprehensive plan, LRP is ready to start engaging the public and would like to get BoG Support for 2-3 public meetings to collect public ideas and support for the Plan. LRP still working out the details for the meetings. Discussion ensued and the BoG agreed to participate as facilitators and "experts" in each person's area. Ellen updated the BoG on LRP work on fresh pond and invited the BoG to attend a field trip concerning it, discussion ensued. Ellen also reported about LRP on water meter research.

**b. Community Property:**

**Julia Mathews**

Julia updated on work in progress including; spring cleanup, including poison ivy spraying; Volunteer Work Day will be set for June 6<sup>th</sup>; Garbage Update--July 2<sup>nd</sup> starts our twice a week pick up for the summer season. Julia went over household garbage amounts under our current contract—if a household puts out over 90 galleons of refuse or certain materials such as lawn waste a special pick up needs to be arranged by the homeowner. Discussion on AED placement for early summer.

**c. Finance and Budget:**

**Al Bartosic**

Al updated on District water project proposal financing options by working with Public Works on their timeline. Al asked Chris to make the motion to the BoG to transfer \$38,000 from the General Contingency Reserves to the Water Reserves to fund expenses incurred in connection with the maintenance, repair and development of current and any replacement water systems of QCBFD. Vinny seconded the motion. Discussion was opened but none occurred.

The motion was **seconded (no discussion)** 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).

Al then reported on the District's conversation with the RI AG office regarding MS/SE reporting.

**d. Public Works:**

**Vinnie Reppucci**

Vinny began his report by leading a discussion recent water usage and an update on the water project proposal and water system work.

Vinny then updated the BoG on road chips sealing, speedbump painting, speed remediation options and Fig reported on the newly installed streetlights and attendant costs and rebates.

**7. Managers' Reports:**

Managers will report updating the BoG on their work since the last BoG Meeting in addition to any specified areas of discussion.

**a. Boating**

**Bob Frazier**

Bob updated the BoG on winter repairs and thanked all the volunteers who labored fixing the racks and landscaping work, he especially thanked Julia Mathews for obtaining the necessary wood early and avoiding the recent price increase. Bob led a discussion on abandoned watercraft disposal.

**b. Special Events**

**Elaine Heilemann**

Elaine updated the BoG on this year's summer social events.

**c. Merchandise Sales**

**Dede Consoli**

Dede updated the BoG on Merchandise Sales plans for the summer. Sales will be starting June 27<sup>th</sup> She will include Wednesday morning sale appointments again.

**d. Beach and Dunes**

**Peter Rettig**

Peter reported that beach grooming starting Friday May 28th and will continue until Labor Day and other updates.

**e. The Police Liaison & Manager of Beach Gate Monitors:**

**Julie Low**

**8. By-Laws Changes**

**Clerk, Maud Bailey**

Maud joined the meeting after Police Report and informed the BoG of possible QCBFD By-Laws changes to accommodate electronic delivery of Annual Meeting Materials Packet. She will write a proposal for BoG review and action at a future BoG Meeting.

Mike Donovan, resident of the District wanted to propose a FaceBook group or page for the District for resource sharing. The BoG felt that was an interesting idea and would like to address it at a future meeting as per OMA.

**9. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Harris, Assistant Clerk  
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District