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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Board of Governors
10:00am, August 14, 2021
At Quonochontaug Grange
5662 Post Road Charlestown RI 02813**

Members in attendance: Al Bartosic, Dede Consoli, Julie Low, Julia Mathews, Roberta Peet, and Susan Wilson-Perez, Vinny Reppucci and Maud Bailey

Members absent: Fred Newton

Also in attendance were Chris Harris, Assistant Clerk, Bob Frazier, Manager of Boating 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 10:00 am.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Clerk, Maud Bailey

A small edit was made to the July 30, 2021 BoG Meeting Minutes as distributed prior to the meeting. A **motion** was made to approve the minutes as amended of the BoG Meeting dated July 30, 2021. 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).

Maud then led a discussion on the method of receiving proxies for the Annual Meeting. A **motion** requiring Lot Owners to return their proxies by either mail to the Clerk, dropped off at the Clerk's address or by scan and email to QCBFDDannualmeeting@gmail.com to be received no later than September 15th as per Art. 3, Sec. 12 of the By-Laws of the QCbfd (as amended and restated on September 19, 2015).

The **motion** was seconded small discussion ensued. The motion then 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. Treasurers Report

Treasurer, Roberta Peet

Roberta reported to the BoG that tax invoices went out in the past week and due date is Sept. 7 Roberta then led a discussion on recent financials.

4. Moderators Report

Moderator, Sue Wilson-Perez

Sue began the discussion of motions to be considered at the Annual Meeting with the resident's motion that has been brought in accordance with the QCbfd By-Laws. After reading the resident's motion discussion ensued. A **motion** was made by Sue and seconded:

A motion to include the BoG recommendation to the Resident Motion in the Annual Packet materials was made.

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).

An additional Motion was made by and seconded

A motion was that the Board of Governors opposes the Resident's Motion made pursuant to Article 3, Section 5 of the BY-LAWS of the QUONOCHONTAUG CENTRAL BEACH FIRE DISTRICT (As amended and restated on September 19, 2015).

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).

The BoG then discussed the reasons why they oppose the Resident's Motion and how the BoG should present these reasons to the Community at the Annual Meeting.

Maud continued the annual meeting motions discussion. We tabled finance and water motions to be discussed during those reports later in this meeting. Next motion to be discussed was By-Laws change for the default method of delivery of the Annual Packet materials (please see attached). A motion was made and seconded to support the motion. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made to approve the following resolution and to have such resolution go before the QCBFD at the Annual Meeting:

Resolved, that the draft of the amended and restated Article 3 section 6 and Article 3 Section 12 of the by-laws of Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District recommended for adoption by the Board of Governors of the District, and distributed to the voters of the District for review in advance of the District's 2021 Annual Meeting, as part of the materials mailed with the notice of such meeting, are hereby adopted as the Amended and Restated By-Laws of the District, such adoption to be effective upon adjournment of such Annual Meeting.

The **motion** was seconded and passed with all the following BoG members voting in favor of the motion: Al Bartosic, Dede Consoli, Julie Low, Julia Mathews, Roberta Peet, Vinny Reppucci and Maud Bailey. One BoG member, Julia Mathews abstained. (The Moderator did not vote because under the District's By-Laws the Moderator only votes in the case of a tie).

Maud then introduced the following Legal Motion recommended by the District's Attorney.

A **motion** to adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that each and all of the resolutions, acts and proceedings of the District Officers, Committee Chairmen and Managers, as shown by their respective records, in carrying out and promoting the purposes, objectives and interests of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District, be and the same are approved, ratified and hereby made the acts and deeds of the Quonochontaug Central Fire District.

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).

As of this meeting there was no Nominating Slate to review.

5. Committee Chair Reports:

A. Community Property

Julia did not make a report.

Julia Mathews

C. Finance and Budget

Al Bartosic

Al answered some questions about the 2022 budget and budgeting process. Then he presented the following resolutions as separate motions to be approved by the BoG to go before the community for vote at the Annual Meeting:

Resolved, that the 2022 budget as presented at the District Meeting on September 18th, 2021, including an approximate \$412,000 in Tax Revenue (9.8% above 2021), as approved by the Board of Governors, be adopted.

Resolved, that the electors of the Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District qualified to vote at the District Meeting legally assembled on September 18th, 2021, hereby order the assessment and collection of a tax on ratable property of said District in the sum of no less than \$411,000 nor greater than \$413,000. Said tax is for ordinary expenses and charges for the interest and indebtedness in whole or in part of said District and for purposes authorized by law. The Assessors of Taxes shall assess and apportion said tax on the inhabitants and ratable property of said District as of the 30th day of June 2022 at 12:00 noon based upon December 31st, 2021 assessed values as computed by the town of Charlestown, according to the law, and shall on the completion of the said assessment date, certify and sign the same and deliver the same to the Collector of Taxes on or about the 1st day of August 2022. The Collector of Taxes, on receipt of said assessment, is hereby commanded to proceed and collect said tax on the persons and estates liable therefor. Said tax shall be due and payable on or before the 30th day after the date of certification by the Assessors of Taxes and all remaining unpaid balances after such due dates shall carry interest until collected at a penalty rate of 12% per annum upon such unpaid taxes.

Both **motions** were seconded and passed with all members of the Board of Governors in attendance voting in favor of the motions (other than the Moderator, who under the District's By-Laws only votes in the case of a tie).

D. Public Works

Vinny Reppucci

Vinny updated the BoG on recent events concerning the water treatment project. Given the change in possible costs depending on what system is found appropriate by the pilot test program a new budget amount might need community approval. Discussion concerning this ensued. Then he presented the following resolutions to be approved by the BoG to go before the community for vote at the Annual Meeting under New Business:

Resolved, that a 4-log disinfection system RIDOH compliant upgrade to the District water system, as mandated by the RIDOH, utilizing project modifications as deemed necessary by the DOH and other technical factors no greater than \$1,600,000 be approved by the District with the Board of Governors having authority to modify the plans as necessary. Final financing terms and lender(s) shall be subject to the approval of the majority of the Board of Governors. In addition, as part of the financing for the Water Project, the Board of Governors may decide to refinance and consolidate the existing water loan on the balance sheet of the District in the amount of no greater than \$65,000. The Board of Governors may delegate the authority to negotiate and execute such loans to the person or person(s) approved by the majority 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).

7. Managers Reports

A. Boating

Bob Frazier

Bob updated the board on the recent happenings at the Marina. August 28 will be the abandoned vessel auction.

B. Special Events

Elaine Heilemann

Absent

C. Merchandise Sales

Dede Consoli

Dede updated the BoG on Merchandise Sales. Dede reported on the grants process for this year. She will be accepting grant proposals in the coming week and will present the grants to the BoG for final approval at the next BoG meeting.

D. Beach and Dunes

Peter Rettig

Absent.

E. The Police Liaison and Manager of the Beach Gate Monitors

Julie Low

Julie report all has gone well at the beach parking lot. Julie led a discussion on reinstating the pilot guard program that was approved in 2019 for next summer. Julie also asked Board members to think about an automatic gate system for the parking lot for the future.

8. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Maud Bailey, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District