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**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District Board of Governors
9:00am, August 28, 2021
At Quonochontaug Grange
5662 Post Road Charlestown RI 02813**

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

Members absent: Fred Newton, Julie Low and Al Bartosic

Also in attendance were Chris Harris, Assistant Clerk, Bob Frazier, Manager of Boating Elaine Heilemann, Manager of Special Events, 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 9:00 am.

2. Treasurers Report **Treasurer, Roberta Peet**

Roberta has nothing new to report beyond we are receiving tax monies.

4. Moderator's Report **Moderator, Sue Wilson-Perez**

Sue reported on NPR's request for documents and comments from QCBFD concerning a story related to Fire Districts. She then led a discussion concerning logistics for the Annual Meeting. It was felt that we should research how to run a hybrid meeting (voting and questions) because we are concerned that because of Delta virus we may not make a quorum. Although the Annual Meeting is not subject to OMA by our By-Laws it has to occur within 5 miles of the QCBFD.

Sue reported on the forthcoming nominating slate that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting

5. Committee Chair Reports:

A. Community Property **Julia Mathews**

Garbage-update—nothing to report, will defer discussion to Merchandise Sales. Julia then led a discussion with regard to QCBFD's position on requests for memorials to be placed or planted on QCBFD property. The Board felt that memorials that are currently in existence in the District are grandfathered provided that any replacement plantings are appropriate to its location. Given the large amount of work currently in front of the BoG Sue felt a citizen should look into a community memorial. Roy Jacobson agreed to draft a process for District considerations on future memorials. He would bring his ideas to the BoG for approval.

After discussing what should be the last calendar day for AED placement at beach parking lot, the consensus that Labor Day when the guards end is the last day.

B. Finance and Budget **Al Bartosic**

Al was absent.

C. Public Works **Vinny Reppucci**

Vinny updated the BoG on recent events concerning the water treatment project.

D. Long Range Planning: **Ellen Frost**

Ellen reported that the second visioning session went well and will collect more comments at the beach parking lot and outside Annual Meeting

7. Managers Reports

A. Boating

Bob Frazier

Bob was absent

B. Special Events

Elaine Heilemann

Elaine reported on new event "Bonfire on the Beach" the night of the Annual Meeting.

C. Merchandise Sales

Dede Consoli

Dede updated the BoG on Merchandise Sales. Dede reported on the grants process. She reported on the grants, 45,000 in grants because of the successful year in Merchandise Sales (please see attached).

A **motion** was made to approve these grants. 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).

D. Beach and Dunes

Peter Rettig

The Beach survived Henri and all looks good.

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

Julie Low

Julie was absent

8. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Maud Bailey, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District