

**SHELTER HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

Draft Minutes

Saturday, June 19, 2010, at 9 A.M.

Shelter Harbor Inn

10 Wagner Road

Shelter Harbor

Westerly, RI 02891

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Moderator called the meeting to order and took roll call. Present: Gail Mallard, Tom Lloyd, Elly Heyder, Mary Harrop, Mark Pratt, John Bruno, Jack Waters, Glen Berwick, Treasurer; Peter Ruggiero, Counsel; Nonie Price, Clerk.

II. Approval of Minutes of April 24, 2010

Upon motion duly made and seconded the minutes of April 24, 2010 were unanimously approved.

III. Announcements

A. The Clerk announced the Annual Meeting of the Shelter Harbor Board of Governors will be held August 14, 2010 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church on East Beach Road in Charlestown, RI at 9:00 a.m.

B. Residents are reminded to mind speed limits and to keep dogs on

leads.

C. The forms for the Annual Meeting are accessible under the open section on the SHFD website.

IV. Correspondence

A. Rich Rudert – Beanpot Garden Exit – (on file)

Tom Lloyd reported concerns about cars entering the exit at the bean pot. The state will need to be brought into the matter to deal with this safety issue. Tom Lloyd will contact the state.

B. Ms. Goodchild – Rocks Along Roads – (on file)

An email received from Barbara Goodchild expressed concern about rocks on Wagner Rd. The rocks have been removed.

V. Treasurer's Report – (on file)

The SHFD may have a surplus which will be rolled over into next fiscal year's budget. A full report on expenditures will be available after the end of the fiscal year, June 30. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the SHFD BOG approved a resolution to pay \$1,200 to The Salt Pond Coalition for monitoring Quonnie Pond.

VI. Tax Collector's Report – (on file)

Tom Lloyd reported a total of \$600 in taxes remains uncollected.

Two taxpayers have outstanding bills. One taxpayer anticipates paying in the coming week. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Tax Collector's report was unanimously accepted.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Beach – (on file)

Rochelle and Jim Levins are handing out beach passes Saturday, June 19 and 26. The beach equipment will be put out and parking spaces will be painted for the beach opening on June 26. Residents are asked to honor the parking spaces at the beach painted with lines on logs. One guard will be on the dock and two others will be working on the beach. Some concern was expressed regarding construction equipment and parking on the Grove Dock access. The homeowner assured the BOG that the construction company will be very careful in honoring the access way to Grove Dock.

On behalf of the community, the BOG thanks Rochelle and Jim Levins for preparing and distributing the beach pass packages.

New Business

***Upon motion duly made and seconded an item under New Business was moved to this portion of the meeting. There was no discussion and the motion was approved.**

***Graham/SHFD Boundary Tree Cutting**

The Grahams attended the meeting. The Moderator reported a site visit to the property bordering SHFD land and that everyone agreed on the survey used for the property boundary. The moderator requested input about remediation in regard to the trees that were cut on SHFD property. Several members of the BOG expressed their opinions.

The Grahams will hire a landscape architect to create a plan incorporating BOG suggestions and come back to the SHFD BOG for comment and approval. The Grahams will let the Moderator know if the plan can be in place for the next SHFD BOG meeting. The Moderator thanked the Grahams for coming to the meeting.

VII. Committee Reports - Continued

b. Beanpot – (on file)

The Moderator read the report. “The hydrangea bushes look very healthy after their first winter and we are looking forward to a summer of beautiful blooms. Rick Perry's team mulched all the beds and in lieu of an official Beanpot Committee, Cheryl Ferris, Mary Harrop, Helene Hardick, and Karen Matheson helped weed the beds this spring.”

“Dinner for 8 had a successful winter season following last year's first summer season. We look forward to many more lively dinners.

Any Shelter Harbor residents interested in joining the group, or just learning the details, please contact Karen Matheson at ksmatheson@comcast.net.”

C. Bylaws – No report

D. Community Events – No report

Mary Harrop reported all residents are invited to participate in the July 3 Parade. Residents should gather at the Shelter Harbor Inn at 5:15 p.m. The Dunn’s Corner Fire Dept. will be invited. Tee shirts will not be awarded as prizes this year, but candy will be distributed. There are other activities that day including the Fun Run and Tennis Tournament.

The SHFD BOG sends their appreciation to the Staleys for the social after the July 3 parade and for the Adult Social on July 23, both to be held at Staleys’ Landing.

The SHFD BOG would appreciate residents not holding tag sales on July 3 for the safety of residents who will participate in the Fun Run/Walk Event. There will be a Community Tag Sale on Sunday, August 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

After the Annual Meeting on August 14, all residents are invited to attend the social at the church.

E. Financial Planning – No report

Mark Pratt stated there was no report, but there will be a meeting on July 2 to address the budget and planning for the upcoming SHFD Annual Meeting.

The treasurer will email committee members regarding their budgets.

F. Harbor Master – (on file)

John Bruno reported the docks are open with bumpers installed on point dock and a new hose reel. The swim area is marked and the swim raft is in place, as are the “No Wake” signs. John thanked Jack and Helene Hardick, Elly Heyder, and Dick Ferris who helped him clean up the docks as Rick Perry was in the hospital.

John Bruno gave a list of people who had registered their moorings to date. Residents are reminded to register their mooring and should contact him for a mooring registration form.

The dinghy space is sparse. One rack at Grove was moved a couple of feet to allow for the size of some dinghies.

G. Roads – (on file)

Jack Waters reported road work was delayed by three weeks, it turned out the road work and brush pick up was the same week. Rick Perry removed the brush piles. The contractor started on road work and is currently half completed and will return next week to finish.

There is some overgrown vegetation on SHFD property on the north side of the Grove Dock access road, near the telephone pole. John Bruno will look at it and, perhaps, arrange to have it cut back next week.

H. Safety and Security – (on file)

Residents are reminded to observe speed limits and stop signs on Wagner Road.

With the seasonal increased use of the launch ramp at Point Dock, residents are reminded to please close and lock the gate after each use

New pavement markers have been ordered and will be placed when appropriate for road conditions

There were two stolen kayaks from the SHFD racks between December and June. Both were locked. The Vice Moderator requested kayaks be stored at residents' homes during the off-season.

The parking lot guard will be on duty Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Residents will have their passes checked when they arrive at the beach.

I. Tennis – (on file)

The Moderator read the report to the BOG, “The Tennis Committee is pleased to report that the courts have come through a third winter in very good condition. The surface continues to be free of any cracks or indentations, and the paint has held up well. The work that was done last spring by Roland Hellwig to correct some high and uneven terrain along the right side of the courts has proven to be successful.

We are looking forward to a big turnout for the tournament on July 3rd. A sign up sheet will be posted at the sign board by the courts on June 26th. The order of play, however, will be determined by the order of sign up on the day of the tournament.

A beautiful new teak bench is now in place at courtside. It was donated in memory of Joan Peterson, by her family and friends. We are most appreciative to have such a thoughtful tribute to a great friend in Shelter Harbor.

The committee is continuing to investigate the possibility of improving the basketball hoop. We are waiting for more information on products and cost.”

The SHFD BOG extends their appreciation to the family of Joan Peterson.

VIII. Old Business

A. Encroachment on Donizetti Road Paper Road

An agreement was drafted by Peter Ruggiero for the property border. The agreement is owner specific.

B. Shelter Harbor Inn Property Boundaries

The Moderator will discuss this with the owner of the Inn.

C. Path Clearing on Nopes Island

Mary Harrop asked Rick Perry to clear and trim the path on Nopes Island to “Our Beach.”

IX. New Business

A. Distribute Directories to Board

The Clerk distributed the new directories to the BOG. The BOG extended thanks to the directory group.

B. Graham/SHFD boundary Tree Cutting

See the section titled “New Business” located in Committee Reports between the Beach and Beanpot reports.

C. SHFD Access Tree Cutting

The BOG discussed unauthorized tree cutting and will take measures to make sure it does not happen again.

D. SHFD Fire Protection Contract

The SHFD BOG discussed terms of fire district contracts and Quonnie provision and as a result Tom Lloyd will discuss contract terms with Shady Harbor.

E. SHFD Mailings/Bylaws

Tom Lloyd requested discussion of SHFD mailings and the bylaws to determine what could be streamlined by email distribution. Options for distributing the June mailing will be considered in the next year to seek input from property owners about streamlining this mailing.

F. Septic Pumping Monitoring:

Monitoring of septic pumping had been discontinued several years ago. After discussion considering monitoring SH septic systems, the BOG was generally favorable of a program to remind people of the need to pump their septic systems. Heidi Weissman offered to head up this committee.

X. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

XI. Adjournment

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was approved to adjourn the Meeting of the Board of Governors.

The next meeting of the SHFD BOG will be at 9:00 a.m. on July 10,

2010, at the Shelter Harbor Inn.

Recorded by:

Nonie Price, Clerk