

SHELTER HARBOR FIRE DISTRICT

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING Minutes

June 20, 2014 at 8:30 a.m.

Shelter Harbor Inn

10 Wagner Road

Westerly, RI 02891

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting of the SHFD BoG was called to order at 8:30 AM. All board members are present. Nonie Price was absent. Glen Berwick and Mark Pratt were present. David R. Petrarca, Jr., Esq. was present as legal counsel and transcribed the minutes.

II. Public Comment/ SHFD BOG Response

Mark Pratt expressed his thanks to SHFD for the condolences about his son. There will be private memorial on July 5. Though the memorial is private, Mark wishes he could invite entire district.

III. Approval of Minutes of May 17, 2014

A motion to approve the SHFD Minutes of May 17, 2014 was duly made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

IV. Announcements

Roland Hellwig did tree work at the tennis courts. He provided his services without cost to the fire district.

Board members and officers may contact Liz Miller for second copy of the Directory.

SHFD received an email message from DEM on 6/19/14 regarding Marine Fisheries. Tom Lloyd asked Peter Ruggiero and David Petrarca to look at any effects as to Quonnie Pond and/or the fire district.

Karen & Steve Matheson worked for several days on landscaping at the entrance to SHFD and did a wonderful job.

V. Correspondence

A. Emails from Alex Platt

Alex volunteered and cleaned-up the boat/dock area. The SHFD BoG expressed thanks to Alex.

Also, the Point Dock passcode will change after the Annual Meeting to "FISH."

B. Diane Murphy - Gib Murphy's Bench at Bach Access

The bench was damaged by mowing. Posts will be replaced and plantings will be added to prevent further damage.

There was a motion duly made and seconded to move up Item VIII F. (Finance Report) on the agenda. The motion was unanimously approved.

VIII. F. Finance

There is a projected total increase of 6.8% for the budget. This is based on a few major factors: projecting a maximum increase under evergreen contract from DCFD and budgeting an extra \$5000 for possible auditing expenses under a new state law. This amount was recommended by the RI Auditor General. Without this expense, the increase would only be 4.4%, which would be in line with past years.

There was a motion duly made and seconded to approve the Finance Report. The motion was approved unanimously.

There was a motion duly made and seconded to approve the recommended \$219,107 budget. The motion was approved unanimously.

VI. Treasurer's Report

A second payment by FEMA to SHFD is no longer expected to come in and will be written off. ALL receipts are due to Glen Berwick, Treasurer, by June 30th.

VII. Tax Collector's Report – No Report

VIII. Agent and Committee Chair Reports

A. Beach

Lifeguard training is underway. The beach should open and be ready to go on time. Residents are reminded that beach passes were for

two years and any lost passes can be cancelled and replacements will be provided for a fee.

There was discussion about beach payroll.

B. Beanpot – Report Distributed

C. Bylaws – No Report

D. Community Events

Mary Harrop will seek neighbor permission to use property for kid's games and will give insurance protection from District.

D. Database – No Report

E. Directory – No Report

Congratulations and thanks were extended to Liz Miller on the beautiful directory. The Moderator appointed Liz Miller as Directory Agent.

G. Harbor Master

Cars should have parking stickers affixed to their vehicles when parked at Grove or Main Docks.

Residents who have moorings and haven't used them in years, should consider giving them up.

Small Boat Racks – No Report

H. Long Range Planning Committee – No Report

I. Roads

Next week is the annual brush pickup. On Thursday June 26, and Friday June 27, a tree trimming company will come in and start on Brahms and Verdi Roads trimming overhead branches.

A new home on Gounod Rd has had dirt washing onto road. The zoning certification requires prevention of dirt/silt into the road. The Town of Westerly has yet to enforce this and probably won't because the road is private and the Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. The Moderator will attempt to talk to the homeowner. There is an unregistered vehicle on the property. It is thought that the Town allows 1 unregistered vehicle on any one property.

J. Safety and Security – Report Distributed

K. Tennis – No Report

Contract will provide for yearly, professional review.

L. SHFD Website – No Report

The Shelter Harbor Fire District must make a financial commitment to the new host of the SHFD website, Wix.

X. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

XI. New Business

A. Nope's Island Lease Agreement

The Board discussed the idea of entering into a lease agreement with the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&W). The proposed lease agreement contains a 90-day out clause which is acceptable

There was a motion to move ahead with the lease agreement after attorney review. There was a second and the vote was unanimous.

B. 2014 Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 9, 2014

The Annual Meeting Calendar and timeline was discussed. The Officers asked to get nomination forms into the Clerk, Nonie Price. There was a suggestion to schedule a July meeting to review all Annual Meeting materials. A meeting time of July 25, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. was suggested.

XII. Public Comment/ SHFD BOG Response

Marianne Nardone expressed interest in running for the Board of Governors.

XIII. Adjournment

The next regular meeting of the SHFD BoG will be Friday, July 25, at 8:30 a.m. at the Shelter Harbor Inn.

The meeting of the SHFD BoG adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Recorded by,

David R. Petrarca, Jr., Esq.