

Buttonwoods Fire District Open Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2006 6pm

Location: Buttonwoods Casino, 23 Eighth Ave. Warwick

Called to order 6:05pm

Attendees: Sharon Fitzgerald, Judi Taton, Bob Remick, Joe Suffredini, Claire Flaherty, Peter Dorsey

1) Budget Update: 2006 -- On target to final budget. Allowance made in numbers for monies previously allocated for sprinkler project. Finalize Budget for 2007 – Added funds for defibrillator and training to Casino budget numbers. Budget proposal will be slightly less than 2006 at a total of \$83,674 .

2) Sprinkler Project: Inspections – will be ongoing and scheduled by FSS. Phone line has been installed so there will be no interference when Casino is open.

3) Casino Building Improvements: Beam – two builders gave recommendations and estimates on repairing the separated beam. Neither thought the repair was absolutely necessary given the length of time it has been that way and the fact that there is a steel rod support in place. Option for additional support included another steel rod (\$350) or bracketing the corner of the beam (\$100). Sharon will get estimates on grill repair.

4) Casino Operations: The Casino committee has planned a play, a save the bay camp, bowling and crafts. Mr. Conte will return as steward. Hours of operation remain the same. Adult programs will include yoga, adult bowling, cocktails at the point. Steak fry and 4th

games will be as usual.

5) **Grounds: Playground – new mulch is in place. Trash Receptacles have been replaced by the tennis committee. Signs – at the gate should be repaired. First estimate is approx. \$900 per sign. Judi will get at least two more estimates. Ticks/Mosquitoes – two independent tick management companies have reviewed the area and will submit recommendations for tick control. Audubon – recommended waiting until the end of sewer construction and would then be happy to come review our woodlands and recommend field sizes, plantings and other wildlife maintenance ideas.**

6) **Sewers: Safety Concerns – Concern about the pumping station and the road between the Casino and Playground has been communicated via Peter Dorsey to both Beta and Rocchio. Proposals for summer safety include closing off the road (not likely to happen as this area will be under construction), re-routing foot traffic from the Casino out further down Janis road for easier visibility and fencing off the pumping station area.**

7) **Security – plan is to use Blackstone Security on random summer dates on both drive through duty and gate duty. Coverage to include full Fourth of July weekend.**

8) **Prep for Annual Meeting – Sharon will re-cap 2006 with the supervisors' report. Judi will cover the 2007 budget. Ken Mason will be recommended for the position of incoming supervisor. Patty Wegzyn will generate copies of agenda and last year's minutes for distribution. Committee heads have been contacted to make their individual reports.**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15