

Buttonwoods Fire District

Minutes of the Supervisors' Meeting **April 23, 2012**

Location: Casino Building 23 8th Ave., Warwick, RI 02886

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Dave Tremblay, Kathy Baer, Joe Jolls, David Curry

Discussion:

Window Repairs in Casino:

Work will begin shortly on the repair of windows in the Casino. This repair is for the window frames to prevent the current windows from falling out. The replacing of the windows will come later. The cost of a replacement window is approximately \$1,000 per window, the supervisors agreed to complete this project incrementally. The window frames will be repaired in the current budget cycle.

Casino bathroom renovations:

Joe Jolls presented proposals that he received from DRR Renovations for the renovations planned in the Casino bathrooms. A walkthrough of the bathrooms followed to identify specific items that will be included (e.g., beadboard on the walls, removal of dropped ceiling, new sinks, etc). Kathy will price out cost of sinks and send to Joe, and Joe will do a walkthrough with the contractor to iron out these details, obtain a final quote, and complete work in time for first Casino event. Kathy will contact Jeanne Pass for schedule of Casino events to avoid any timing conflicts. Kathy will also invite Kathy Falaguerra to the next BFD meeting to update her on the renovation plans and solicit feedback from the Casino Committee.

Other Casino Renovations:

Discussion followed regarding other repair priorities at the Casino. The proposal for the window and bathroom renovations also includes quotes for repairs to the floor under the "cage" and replacement of rotting wooden planks on the Casino porch. These repairs also will be completed this spring.

BFD Budget and Expenditures:

Brief discussion followed regarding the budget and expenditures for last month. Dave Curry reported that there were no major changes to the budget, and two minor bills have been paid.

Fire Alarm and Sprinkler Testing:

Dave Curry noted that the rates fire protection inspection for the BFD, seem high. He will revisit the coverage details and rates and also obtain competitive rates for comparable services from other vendors.

Tennis Court Repair Proposal:

Kathy reported that Karen Way referred the BFD to Ken Steincamp, who has been handling tennis court matters in Karen's absence. Kathy will follow up with Ken for comparable RFQs from two vendors for the repairs requested by the Tennis Court Committee.

Upcoming Responsibilities

The group reviewed tasks needed during the next month, including:

- Meet with Casino Committee: Kathy will invite the Casino Committee Chairman (Kathy Falaguerra) to next meeting to review their budget for the next year.
- Prepare final figures for budget to be presented at annual meeting.
- Meet with clerk to review materials to be presented at annual meeting, and review notice for annual meeting before it is sent to newspaper and neighborhood.
- Meet with or contact auditor to confirm that audit will be performed.

Dave Tremblay reported that the water has been turned on for the Casino.

BFD meetings for the remainder of the year are scheduled at 6 pm on:

May 21;

June 11;

July 23;

August 20;

September 24; and

November 5.

The annual meeting is scheduled for June 26 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.

The following topics are noted as gentle REMINDERS:

*Neighbors have asked the Supervisors to remind residents about **parking vehicles on BBA property**, day or overnight, particularly streets along the water. There are **NO PARKING** signs posted, so we ask everyone's co-operation, as it is always nice to have a clear unobstructed view across the bay. It is understandable for residents or their guest to park as necessary for an occasional party or function in these areas.*

*We all enjoy walking in our wonderful neighborhood so **please do not forget to clean up after your pets**, people **DO** notice, and it is your responsibility to clean up after Rover outside of your own yard and dispose of their waste appropriately. **Please do not place dog waste in the trash bins at the tennis courts.***

*Trash Barrels- Be a considerate neighbor, **remove your trash barrels from the road as soon as possible after trash pickup**, and if feasible locate them in a discreet area of your yard.*

Speed** -The supervisors have received numerous complaints regarding vehicles driving in excess of the posted speed limits in the neighborhood, especially along Buttonwoods and Promenade Avenues. The speed limit on Buttonwoods Avenue is 25 mph, and changes to 15 mph at the second speed bump. The speed limit on all the other roads within the Buttonwoods community is 15 mph as posted, so **please drive slowly, and remind all the drivers in your household to maintain these speed limits for the safety of all.

PLEASE BE A KIND & CONSIDERATE NEIGHBOR!