

# **Buttonwoods Fire District**

## Minutes of the Supervisors' Meeting **April 15, 2013**

Location: Casino Building 23 Eighth Ave., Warwick, RI 02886

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

Present: Supervisors: Joe Jolls, via conference call, Kathy Baer and Jon Pratt

Treasurer: Dave Curry

### **Discussion:**

#### **1. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

BFD Meeting, 03/18/13: Supervisors reviewed and approved the minutes.

#### **2. Old Business**

**Hand Book Committee:** Committee not yet formed. Rich Taylor still interested. Pdf of Handbook found and distributed.

**Vendor List :** Supervisors review list and Dave is going to revise based on vendors the BFD has used in the past 3 years to clean it up.

**Key List:** Jon has list and is updating.

**Insurance Review:** Dave has met with insurance company. Company will provide new liability and fire policies in June.

**Casino Preservation Committee:** Still looking for volunteers for this committee. Joe to get quote on painting and repairs to outside railings and decking.

**Point Preservation Committee:** Carl Baer filed a report with the Supervisors. Supervisors reviewed report. Report recommends BFD take more proactive role in protecting beach grass at point. Using sign, rope, temp. fence during activities. Supervisors also discuss educating members at Annual Meeting on importance.

**Alarm System review:** Alarm was due to low pressure alarm. Alarm Company came and fixed while doing the quarterly inspection.

#### **3. Budget Review**

Dave Curry presented the latest budget figures and expenditures. Taxes collected as of April 15, 2013 totals \$93,536.74 with \$57,688.61 in checking account.

#### **4. Ground Maintenance and Improvements**

See 5. New Business

#### **5. New Business**

**Street Signs and Post Repairs:** Street sign on 14th Ave. replaced by Jon. All signs, posts and guard rails to be check and painted and repaired as needed in May when weather warms. Joe to obtain quote. Slow children sign to be replaced on Buttonwoods Ave.

**Roads:** Joe contacted Bill Ross about pot hole. Also the speed bumps will be repainted again when weather warms. Jon to obtain quotes on chip sealing roads.

**Winter Damage to Trees:** After discussion Supervisors are going to meet with an arborist to inquire about an assessment of our existing trees. Assessment to include, insect prevention, health of trees, pruning existing trees and a plan of planting new trees.

**Playground and Baseball Field:** After inquires about playground, baseball field and basketball courts, supervisors agree to investigate cost of replacing the backstop at the baseball field and adding new mulch to playground area. Joe will replace the nets at the basketball court.

**Future BFD Meetings:** Future BFD Supervisors meetings will still be held the 3rd Monday of the month; 5/20/13, 7/15/13, 8/19/13, 9/16/13, and 10/21/13.

### **Date Change for Annual Meeting**

**2013 Annual Meeting:** Tuesday June 11, 2013 at 7 pm in the Casino, 23 Eighth Avenue, Warwick.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

### **Addendum:**

*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 guests to park either at their homes or in the three designated areas for an occasional party or function. The designated overflow areas are: 1) the triangle bordered by Buttonwoods Avenue, Eighth Avenue and Janice Road; 2) the triangle bordered by Buttonwoods Avenue, Tenth Avenue and Avenue A, and the ball field on Cooper Avenue. Parking at the triangles should be "nose-in"; parking at the ball field should be on the grass, not the surrounding streets. Be considerate of residents surrounding these overflow areas and inform them in advance when you are hosting an event that will require use of these facilities. (Source: Buttonwoods Fire District Neighborhood Rules and Regulations, as approved on June 23, 1998.)*

*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!**