

[DRAFT—NOT BOARD APPROVED]

**MINUTES
of the
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Board of Governors Meeting
Sunday, January 19, 2014**

Members in Attendance: Nancy Matthews, George Prior, Julia Mathews, Shari Frost, Bill Heep, Michele Pallai Reppucci, Dick Stabnick, Michael Flynn, Marianne McNee, Charlie Freedgood and Heather Cady.

Residents in attendance at the meeting included Roy Jacobsen and Don McDoogul.

I. Call to Order: Nancy Matthews called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

1. **A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting held on October 13, 2013. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

2. The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 29, 2014.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Nancy Matthews – Moderator: Nancy Matthews, in Tom Battista's absence, updated the Board on the work of the Real Estate committee, including the possibility of moving the location of the QCBFD bike racks.

Nancy Matthews informed the Board of the most recent APRA request by a resident and advised the Board that such request had been forwarded to QCBFD's legal counsel for review.

Nancy Matthews advised the Board that QCBFD's legal counsel is researching financial disclosure requirements.

B. George Prior – Public Works: George Prior updated the Board on the business of the Public Works committee, including (i) QCBFD's lawn watering rules and (ii) the existence of a septic tank in close proximity to a QCBFD water main. The following two motions were made.

A MOTION was made “that the watering of lawns and shrubs in QCBFD using community water, that is water from QCBFD's community wells, be limited to hand held hoses or hand held sprinkling devices only. There will be no sprinklers or soakers at the end of hoses that are connected

to QCBFD community well water. This rule will apply at all times of the year (and will not be limited to summer months). During the summer months (defined as between June 30 and the Tuesday after Labor Day), hand held sprinkling may only take place prior to 8:00 a.m. or after 8:00 p.m. on weekdays only. There will be no watering of any kind whatsoever using water from QCBFD community wells on the weekends during the summer months. This rule is to supersede all previous watering rules and will go into effect in the fall of 2014. QCBFD residents who have contracted for their own private wells or designated irrigation wells will be unaffected by this rule.”

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A MOTION was made “that the QCBFD Board of Governors approve a plan to reduce the possible risk of accidental contamination to the QCBFD water system caused by the proximity of a septic tank at 526 West Beach Road to QCBFD’s four-inch water main which passes through the aforementioned property. The proximity is such that it is well inside the minimum distance typically required between a septic tank and a water main. The motion is to end the existing main as it enters the southern edge of the property at 526 West Beach Road, run the main from that point through a two-inch line running through the existing four-inch line still in the ground past the septic tank and end that main line at the northern edge of said property, where a connection would there be made to serve 510 West Beach Road. This action would effectively sleeve the line as it runs past the septic system. A blow-off valve would also be installed at this point (as this location serves as the end of that line). The estimated cost to complete this work on the water main line is not to exceed \$8,500. Given that this situation does not constitute an emergency, the work may be performed at the discretion of the Board of Governors as funds are made available over the next couple of years.”

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

C. Michele Pallai Reppucci – Police Protection: Michele Pallai Reppucci reported on vandalism on Central Beach on January 14, 2014, involving an individual, or group of individuals, setting fire to the Christmas trees placed on the beach to protect the dunes. The vandalism and fire occurred at approximately 1:30 a.m.

The QCBFD spring mailing will be sent out in early May (any information required to be included in such packet must be received by April 10, 2014).

D. Shari Frost – Beach and Dunes: Shari Frost presented an update on the work of the Beach and Dunes committee.

E. Nancy Matthews for Brewster Blackall – Boating: Nancy Matthews, in Brewster Blackall's absence, read aloud his update on the work of the Boating committee. **See attached Exhibit A.**

F. Julia Mathews – Treasurer: Julia Mathews updated the Board on the work of the Treasurer.

A MOTION was made to authorize the Treasurer to close the “Quonnie Open” golf bank account held under the tax identification number of QCBFD and to transfer such funds to the organizers of the “Quonnie Open” (which is not legally part of QCBFD) and to sign all required bank authorizations to effectuate such transfer. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

G. Michael Flynn – Ballfield: Michael Flynn reported no new business.

H. Marianne McNee – Community Sales: Marianne McNee reported that the summer 2014 QCBFD parking sticker color will be royal blue.

I. Dick Stabnick – Long-Range Planning: Dick Stabnick updated the Board on the Fresh Pond project and QCBFD's application related to such. It is expected that a public hearing will be scheduled as early as March of 2014.

J. Bill Heep—Civic Improvement: Bill Heep updated the Board on the work of the Civic Improvement committee, including: spring repair projects to ballfield fence, bleachers and playground; damage to the parking lot by reckless drivers; and a new fire station being built in Bradford, Rhode Island.

K. Charlie Freedgood – Finance & Budget: Charlie Freedgood presented his Finance and Budget report (see attached **Exhibit B**).

L. Heather Cady – Clerk: The following dates have been set for the remaining 2014 Board of Governors meetings:

Sunday, June 29, 2014

Saturday, July 19, 2014

Saturday, August 9, 2014

Sunday, October 12, 2014 (Columbus Day Weekend)

Beginning on June 29th, meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. The meeting in October will begin at 10:00 a.m. All Board of Governors meetings will take place at the Charlestown Police Station, Community Room, 4901 Old Post Road, Charlestown, Rhode Island 02813.

Saturday, September 13, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. (QCBFD Annual Meeting at the Grange).

IV. Adjournment: **A MOTION was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:04 p.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District