

DRAFT VERSION—NOT BOARD APPROVED

**MINUTES
of the
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Board of Governors Meeting
Saturday, July 26, 2014**

Members in Attendance: Nancy Matthews, George Prior, Julia Mathews, Michele Pallai Reppucci, Brewster Blackall, Marilyn Rettig, Tom Battista, Charlie Freedgood and Heather Cady. Residents in attendance at the meeting included Roy Jacobsen and Don MacDoogool. Attorney David Petrarca was also in attendance.

I. Call to Order: Nancy Matthews called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

1. **A MOTION was made to approve the minutes of the Board of Governors Meeting held on June 29, 2014. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

2. The next Board of Governors Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014.

III. Committee Reports:

A. Nancy Matthews – Moderator: Nancy Matthews informed the Board of the following: 1. QCBFD has been advised by counsel that it can accept private donations of funds, including funds to assist in the Fresh Pond restoration project; 2. QCBFD is considering by-law changes, and the appointment of an ad hoc committee to examine such, that would modify the QCBFD governing structure to utilize agents rather than commissioners and to reassign duties within committees; 3. QCBFD is currently facing two pending complaints against it with the Rhode Island Attorney General.

B. George Prior – Public Works: George Prior updated the Board on the business of the Public Works committee, including a request from a resident at 17 Oceanview for a new speed bump and its subsequent installation and an update on a meeting between East Beach, QCBFD, the RI DEM and the RI Department of Health.

C. Michele Pallai Reppucci – Police Protection: Michele Pallai Reppucci updated the Board on stolen and misplaced beach passes.

D. Brewster Blackall – Boating: Brewster Blackall updated the Board.

E. Julia Mathews – Treasurer: Julia Mathews updated the Board.

F. Marilyn Rettig – Special Events: Marilyn Rettig updated the Board.

G. Nancy Matthews for Dick Stabnick – Long-Range Planning: Nancy Matthews, in Dick Stabnick’s absence, updated the Board on the Fresh Pond project and QCBFD’s application related to such.

H. Nancy Matthews for Bill Heep—Civic Improvement: Nancy Matthews, in Bill Heep’s absence, updated the Board on the work of the Civic Improvement committee, including the issue of upgrading the street lighting in QCBFD.

I. Charlie Freedgood – Finance & Budget: Charlie Freedgood presented his preliminary 2015 budget numbers (see **Exhibit A**). Charlie Freedgood also presented his updated “Reserve Funds/Accrued Balances” report (see **Exhibit B**).

The following motion was made: **A MOTION was made to add John Pinkos to the Finance and Budget committee. Discussion took place as to whether a Board vote was necessary. Although it was generally agreed that a Board vote was unnecessary, the motion was made. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

J. Tom Battista—Real Estate: Tom Battista updated the Board.

K. Heather Cady – Clerk: The following dates have been set for the remaining 2014 Board of Governors meetings: 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 11:00 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Dodge Cady, Clerk
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District