

Mason's Island Fire District BOD Meeting – March 8, 2018

Attending: Jim McAuley, Bill Taylor, Ethan Tower, Greta Jones, Kristin Foster, and Lee Hisle. Not in attendance: David Krupp, John Parry, Bob Banas, Rufus Allyn and Tax Collector, Lydia Herd. President Jim McAuley called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. A quorum was present

Clerk's Report: M/S/P approving the minutes from previous meeting, February 1, 2018.

President's Report: (1) Emergency Calls – There were two calls in February, bringing the fiscal year to date total to 12. (2) Road Work – Paving of Money Point and Skiff Lane to Anchor, where new water pipes are being installed, will take place this fall as part of the 2018-19 fiscal year budget. Other fall projects will be the \$1,650 (base cost excluding management fees and taxes) plan to mill Skiff Lane and paving of Bayberry and Huckleberry. Andrews Way will be regraded this spring with a base quote of \$2,000. (2) Other Work – Shoreline erosion by Allyn's Alley has increased and if nothing is done, could threaten Chippechaug Way. The proposed solution is the installation of rip rap (loose stone) in a 50' trench that would be 5' wide and 3' deep at a base cost of \$3,500. As the work would be done on land owned by the Mason Island Company and would benefit MIC, Jim will discuss cost sharing and whether management fees are appropriate with Rufus Allyn. (4) Jim discussed adding a bylaw change to the annual meeting agenda that would allow the Board to move more than \$1,000 between line-items in the budget. (Paragraph 22 of the Bylaws states: "The Board of Directors can transfer funds up to \$1,000 from one budget category to another", but does not further define "budget category".)

Treasurer's Report: Ethan Tower distributed updated Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual and Balance Sheet reports, noting that not much changed last month. Bills for the Tick Tax will be going out shortly. Connecticut Water has started billing for fire protection/hydrants at the rate of \$917 per month. Ethan reported that he has been working on the 2018-2019 budget to be presented at the annual meeting. Based on discussions at previous meetings, he will add two weekends of Traffic Control personnel in September, 2018 and May, 2019, so that they will be on duty for the full month of Sept. and the following May. He also plans on dropping the Crack and Seal line item as the road repaving work has eliminated the need for this work. M/S/P to approve the Budget Report.

Nominating Committee Report: Kristin Foster and Lee Hisle reported that the Nominating Committee will meet next Wednesday and that the three non-MIFD Board Members should be in place by then. Jim has provided a list of names of potential members and there was some discussion about them and other possibilities. Greta Jones will leave the Board at the end of her term in June. Kristin Foster's and Lee Hisle's terms also expire this year. Lee said he was

willing to serve another term. Jim discussed the need for a Vice President who would be willing to take over as President when Jim's term expires in two years.

New Business: (1) Jim raised the issue of succession regarding Rufus Allyn and the Mason Island Company as a member of the Roads Committee and construction manager for MIFD projects. He will meet with Rufus to discuss this. (2) Bill Taylor reported that Jean Anderson has received 117 responses to Tick Tax e-mails and that so far 100 homeowners have signed up for treatment, a 63% participation rate, consistent with prior years. Jean is pursuing additional participants and has received valued assistance from Lydia Herd.

MIFD Meeting Calendar:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 5:30 pm at 18 Money Point Road.

Meeting Adjourned – 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted

Bill Taylor