

TOWN OF NEW SHOREHAM, RHODE ISLAND
RESOLUTION

September 5, 2023
R-09-2023

Resolution Expressing Thanks to the Town of Bristol

Whereas, on the night of Friday, August 18 a major fire broke out at the Harborside Inn on Water Street, the main street in the Town of New Shoreham, and;

Whereas, the Block Island Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department quickly recognized that the blaze had the potential to overwhelm our island's resources and put out the call for mutual aid, and;

Whereas, in the very early hours of Saturday, August 19, 2023, Fire Departments from Kingston, Bristol, Charlestown, Middletown, Narragansett, Newport, North Kingstown, Portsmouth, Richmond- Carolina, Westerly, Union Fire District, Dunns Corner, Misquamicut, Hope Valley and Jamestown heard and selflessly answered the call, and;

Whereas, the rapid and professional response from Bristol saved the Town of New Shoreham from what could have been a catastrophic fire that had the potential to destroy portions of our historic downtown, and;

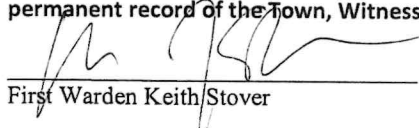
Whereas, as devastating as the Harborside Inn fire was, thanks to the contribution of firefighters, equipment, logistical support and the solidarity of so many Rhode Island towns, the fire was managed and extinguished without serious injury to firefighters, residents or guests, and;

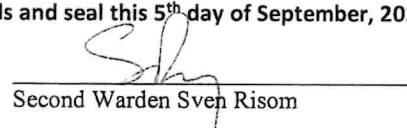
Whereas, the assistance from mainland Departments was not a simple effort, and its execution the result of many months of planning by local Departments, State Government, the U.S. Coast Guard, the Rhode Island National Guard and Interstate Navigation, all of whom gave time and expertise to foreseeing and drilling the challenge of providing mutual aid to an island 13 miles off the coast.


Now, Therefore, be it Resolved, that the Town Council of the Town of New Shoreham expresses its deepest thanks and heartfelt gratitude to the people of Bristol for their friendship, willingness to help a town in need of assistance, and the investment of resources made over the years to build a well-equipped and extraordinarily professional Fire Department.


Be it Further Resolved that copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Town of New Shoreham Town Clerk to the Town Council of Bristol with a request that it be shared with the citizens of Bristol as an expression of gratitude from the people of the Town of New Shoreham.

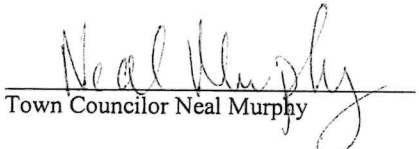
And Further Be It proclaimed, we decree that this proclamation be made part of the permanent record of the Town, Witness our hands and seal this 5th day of September, 2023.


First Warden Keith Stover


Second Warden Sven Risom


Town Councilor Martha Ball


Town Councilor Margaret O'Neill


Town Councilor Neal Murphy


Attest: Town Clerk Millicent McGinnes

