

**Masons Island Fire District Special Informational Meeting
April 10, 2025 – 6:00 PM
Mason’s Island Yacht Club
Draft Meeting Minutes**

Mason’s Island Fire District (“MIFD”) hosted a public informational meeting to discuss tick treatment effectiveness and protection of our island ecosystem

Meeting Participants

MIFD President Scott Parry and Board Members Jeff Miceli, Kristin Foster, Fran Hoffman, and Audrey Brown were present.

The following highlights were reported by Scott Parry and Fran Hoffmann:

Dr. Scott Williams’ presentation covered a wide range of topics. He noted that the State of Connecticut studies compared a variety of tick treatments and their ability to lower tick populations. Questions were asked on how his research might influence changes in the MIFD Tick program. The pesticide application can be generally effective with one application per year in the early November time frame. One application at that time of year limits the pesticide impact on beneficial insects such as bees and butterflies. His suggestion is that while organic treatments are less effective, they should be applied every two weeks during the active tick nymph season of May and June, to improve results.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ricardo J. Kleinbaum – Clerk, Masons Island Fire District