

Long Range Planning Committee  
2019/2020 Report to QCBFD  
August 2020

I would like to recognize the members of the Long Range Planning Committee listed below for their participation on this committee and to Tom Farrell for his leadership as chair through June of 2020. An additional thank you to Kate Thornton for her guidance and many years of hard work on LRP up to and through the end of 2019.

Current members: Renee Cohen, Anthony Flint, Chris Getman, Ron Jarvis, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, Diane McEnroe, George Prior, Taylor Rettig, Over the past year the committee focused on a number of topics.

In response to interest from the community as expressed in the survey distributed in October 2018, the Committee has focused on three primary areas.

1. The Committee continues to partner with East Beach and other communities on the “Quonochontaug Neck” in order to ensure the long term protection of the quality of our water supply and to identify possible alternate sources of water for the future.
2. The Committee continues to research and review remediation methods as well as the success of other communities in addressing the infiltration of phragmites in local ponds and waterways. Until an acceptable long term solution can be identified, the maintenance of a clearing to provide a vista of Fresh Pond from the parking lot has been approved and is in progress.
3. The committee researched the process for the burial of utility lines and Renee Cohen prepared a document that can be used as a reference for individuals interested in undertaking this independently.

In addition:

1. The result of the Community Opinion Survey created by LRP in 2018 were summarized and shared with the Community in October 2019.
2. An archiving project to collect, review, scan and secure, all official community documents including BOG and Committee meeting minutes and reports, project information and maps was completed.
3. A project to research requirements and develop enhanced guidelines for records retention is currently underway.

Respectfully submitted,  
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