

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

Long Range Planning Committee Minutes

May 8, 2021, 8:30am

The meeting was held by ZOOM by permission of the Governor of RI by executive order. All committee members with the exception of George Prior were present. Maud Bailey also attended as a guest.

Chair Ellen Frost opened the meeting at 8:36 am.

Secretary Roy Jacobsen made a motion that was seconded to approve the Draft March 27th Minutes. were approved unanimously.

Fresh Pond: Chris Getman reported. Ellen will coordinate with Paul and send out a notice to all LRP members requesting their availability for a site visit to a successful Pond remediation project to be coordinated by Paul. It was noted we need to be very clear about the pros and cons of any remediation project on a project where there are strong and divisive feelings.

Water Source: Diane McEnroe reported. No new information. Diane will be in contact with Bob Pompei who has chaired an ad hoc community group working on alternate water source for Quonnie Neck.

Water Metering: Discussion regarding Chris Getman's report, "Long Range Planning Committee Minutes, April 21" which was previously posted and sent to all LRP members with the meeting agenda. Chris will arrange for Steve DuBois to attend our next meeting. It was suggested that contact residents on Block Island and in Narragansett to ascertain the community response. It was noted we need to be very clear about the reasons for metering whether it be conservation, leak detection or other. Additional legal research is needed to determine the fire district's limitations under our State Charter and bylaws. Further work is also needed to determine how this project would be funded and managed.

Document Retention: Diane McEnroe: Diane has is in the process of drafting preliminary guidelines to be shared with the Committee once it has been reviewed by the BOG Moderator and legal counsel

Comprehensive Plan: Ellen led the discussion. Our plan is to conduct community meetings on various dates with the possibility of Zoom capability to discuss and get input on the various parts of a proposed plan. A number of meetings and venues are envisioned. It was strongly suggested that Zoom and social media be used to reach the widest audience. Maud Bailey and Tony Flint will work with Ellen on a communication piece for the QCBCFD community. Ellen will bring the proposal for a Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Governors for their consideration, support and endorsement at their May 22nd meeting.

Our next LRP Meeting is June 12, 2021 at 8:30am

A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 9:47am

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Jacobsen, Secretary

