

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

Long Range Planning Committee

Minutes June 12, 2021 8:30am

The meeting was held by ZOOM by permission of the Governor of RI Executive Emergency Order. All Committee members were present with the exception of Ron Jarvis, Chris Getman and Diane McEnroe. Members of the public: Julia Mathews, Mike Donovan. Chair Ellen Frost opened the meeting at 8:36am

**Draft Minutes** of May 8th were approved by unanimous vote except for George Prior who was not present.

**June BOG Report:** Ellen Frost gave an oral report of her presentation to the BOG concerning the proposed Comprehensive Plan and received approval to proceed.

**Water Metering:** As Chris Getman was not present Ellen led the discussion and reported that the BOG supports further research into water metering with the possibility of a pilot project. Reports were shared about water metering projects on Block Island and other towns. Ellen has received a lot of feedback. It was again emphasized that we need to be clear about our objective which is to locate water leaks more quickly and accurately. A question was asked if we could meter the four main trunk lines and thereby locate leaks in these quadrants. George Prior said these lines cannot be metered and that these leaks would surface quickly in any case. Legal and charter questions were again raised and need to be carefully addressed. Also a question if metering would force us to become a Water Utility. **Action Items:**

1. Chris Getman will be asked to bring Steve Dubois, who is a plumbing contractor with experience in metering projects to one of our LRP meetings as a resource and guest.
2. Diane McEnroe will be asked to look into legal and charter questions (see above).
3. Discuss with Al Bartosic the financial impact of a pilot and full project and how it would be funded.

**Alternate Water Source:** Diane McEnroe was not present and there was no report. Ellen mentioned there was some comment about the cost and advisability of pursuing this expensive project at this time.

**Fresh Pond:** Paul is still trying to arrange a field trip to David Roth's pond at Watch Hill, RI where a reclamation project was done. Two BOG members as well as others on LRP want to attend. Ellen reminded all that Fresh Pond is owned by QCBFD but borders QEBA and will speak to Bob Santi, President of QEBA.

**Comprehensive Plan:** Ellen led discussion. A proposal to hold two possibly three public meetings on these dates: July 18<sup>th</sup>, 25 and August 4<sup>th</sup>. Location would be McEnroe's lawn on a Sunday with the possibility of using the Grange and using a Monkey Survey to get the widest input from the CB community. Ellen suggested we gather the information gained from the public meetings and have LRP spend the year putting this information into a proposed draft plan format and present to BOG in 2022 and the 2022 Annual Meeting for approval. Maud and Anthony will lead the above meetings.

**Action Item:** The subcommittee working on the above project includes: Ellen, Renee, Maud, Anthony who will put together a final plan and format for the above meetings.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 9:55am.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Jacobsen, Secretary