

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District

Long Range Planning Committee Minutes August 6, 2022 10:30am

600 West Beach Road, Charlestown, RI 02813

Present: Ellen Frost, Roy E. Jacobsen, Chris Getman, Tony Flint, Renee Cohen, Taylor Rettig, Paul Mathews, Diane McEnroe

Members of public: Ed Mellick, John Magenheimer.

Absent: Ron Jarvis

Ellen opened the meeting at 10:37 AM with comments about the presentation by Bob Ferrari of Northeast Water Solutions that was held just prior to the LRP meeting. The presentation as well as a focus on water on the Neck and the collaboration of the various beach communities was sponsored by Tim Messenberg (QEBWA) and the Quonnie Water and Conservation Collaborative that Suzanne Marinaro, Diane McEnroe and Ellen have been working on. The various water related project that LRP is working on will also be rolled into the Comprehensive Plan.

Roy made a motion to adopt the Minutes of the July 9th meeting. Unanimously adopted with thanks.

1. Renee reported on a meeting with URI professors and experts on hydrology and climate science research and shared her report. Covered was salt water intrusion. Possible assessment of private wells to measure rate of saltwater intrusion. At that meeting a URI resource on beach erosion was also identified. Renee and Ellen will follow up
2. Water Metering Diane and Chris reported. Diane prepared a draft document with background, pros and cons of water metering for possible communication to the community. Chris will follow up with a Conference Call with a resource/vendor.
3. Alternate Water Source: Paul Mathews gave a brief report.
4. Comprehensive Plan: A few interviews have taken place since the last LRP meeting in July but additional scheduling will pause temporarily until September. The second Community Feedback session is scheduled for this Sunday, August 7th at the Tennis Court parking area.

Next meeting September 10 and October 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Jacobsen, Secretary