

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Long Range Planning
Committee held Saturday,
October 9, 2017
at the Charlestown Police
Department
Community Room
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI 02813**

Members in Attendance: Tom Farrell, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, George Prior, Kate Thornton,

Members Absent: Ellen Frost, Chris Getman, Ron Jarvis

Also in attendance: Ron Meneo and Steve Hoff

I. Call to Order

Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made to approve minutes of June 24 and September 2 meetings of the Long Range Planning Committee as amended. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

III. Update, Discussion and possible action on potential alternative water sources.

Tom shared the contents of an e-mail from Virginia Lee regarding her contact with Westerly Water District to provide other constituents outside of Westerly with water. The director stated they have no water to spare. So they would not be in a position to provide water to Quonnie or any new users. Virginia also informed Tom of an informational meeting (date unknown) at Kettle Pond with Kathy Crawley and others of the WRB to meet with the 3 community water districts, the private well owners on Quonnie Neck in the next two weeks. The objective is to discuss options and steps forward. The WRB board voted to adopt an application form, which will be posted soon. Tom has asked Virginia to include Roy Jacobsen in any further communications on this meeting as Roy will be representing QCBFD.

It was also noted that Ron Meneo's request to include the WRB grant topic on the Charlestown Town Council Agenda for October has been ignored.

While it appears the pursuit of the grant money by Charlestown has a low probability, QCBFD will continue to be a participant in any future meetings and activities.

IV. Update and Discussion of potential Phragmites remediation in West Pond.

There was a brief discussion of how best to measure the Community's willingness/readiness to resurrect this important project. The West Pond continues to deteriorate and degrade with the invasion of the Phragmites. It was suggested that a survey in the spring about this and other topics of interest would be a positive way to understand the feelings of the residents.

V. Discussion on possible topics to be addressed by the Committee during the next year.

Explore and design content for a Community Survey using Survey Monkey

Develop a document retention program, including cost and efficiency of scanning historical documents.

Investigate and establish pricing for burying the National Grid and other utility lines.

VI. Discussion of possible meeting dates for 2018

The first meeting will be May 19th at 8:30. We will schedule the remaining meetings after the BoG meeting dates have been defined.

VII. Adjournment

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:35 a.m. The motion was seconded and **passed** unanimously