

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District  
Minutes of the Long Range Planning Committee

June 15, 2019

8:30am

Charlestown Fire Station Community Room

4991 Old Post Road, Charlestown, RI 02813

Meeting opened at 8:35am by Tom Farrell, Chair

Present: Tom Farrell, Roy E. Jacobsen, Ellen Frost, Kate Thornton, Paul Mathews, George Prior, Ron Jarvis

Absent: Anthony Flint, Chris Getman

Tom reported back to the LRP concerning the report of the Community Survey to the Board of Governors and their response. The BOG asked for more information, feedback and recommendations concerning these areas identified in the survey:

1. **Volunteerism:** A concern was raised that the current OMA Law for RI prevents teleconferencing. Tom Farrell will report back to the BOG to see if this law could be changed and therefore allow more participation by volunteers. Other suggestions were given on how to enhance volunteerism: email blast, job descriptions, interview prospective candidates etc.
2. **Road Maintenance:** Speed bumps and irregularity of the road surface were identified as issues. George Prior reported that two of the problematic speed bumps will be shaved and road patching has been completed and a drain has been redone at the bottom of Spray Street. Our roads will be chipped and sealed this month,
3. **West Pond:** **A.** It was recommended to the BOG that in the beach parking lot an opening be made - where one now exists - by removing vegetation to provide a view of West Pond. **B.** Does the BOG want to underwrite and fund a project to mitigate Phragmites in West Pond. If so who or what committee would oversee the project? Who would manage the project? Is the project feasible? How will the project be funded? The DEM suggested, during the last application, they might be willing to approve a small experimental project to see if there was any negative impact on Quonnie drinking water supplies.
4. **Utility Burial** The LRP requests that the BOG discuss who should be responsible to gather more information on the burial of utility lines in the QCBFD
5. **Metering** The focus of this suggestion was to find out if metering would discourage water leaks. George reported this was discussed by the Public Works Committee but not in any detail or serious way.

The LRP requests that the BOG identify and set a priority for the above named items and who should be responsible for moving them forward.

Our next meeting is **August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8:30am**. The Agenda will be a discussion of a possible record retention policy. Tom Farrell will ask Tom Wildman to attend and share with the LRP our current practice and policy of record retention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 am by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy E. Jacobsen, Secretary

