

**Public Works Committee meeting October 1, 2016 minutes**  
**Quonochontaug Grange**  
**5662 Post Road (Route 1)**  
**Charlestown RI 02813**

Attendance: PW Chairperson Vincent Reppucci,  
PW Committee members: Tom Frost, James Finn, Bob Frazier, Steve Peet,  
George Prior.  
Public: Roy Jacobsen

Absent: Richard Campbell, Jim Montstream, Greg Reppucci

Meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM .

A motion was made to adopt the Minutes of the Public Works meeting June 18, 2016. This Motion passed unanimously.

The new Public Works committee members were introduced. Many of these members were newcomers to the Public Works committee and some background information was provided about each committee member. The Public Work Committee's role in the fire district was outlined and discussed..

Maintenance agreement for the pump house and water supply backup generator was reviewed. A motion was made to accept the maintenance agreement for 1 more year. This motion passed unanimously.

In order to facilitate day-to-day activities at Central Beach Vincent Reppucci proposed that certain agents, that is non Public Works committee individuals, with experience in skills maintaining the curb stop, water system, and water pump house functions be designated. Presently only members of Public Works committee can perform curb stop shutoffs and maintenance on the water system.

A motion was made that the Public Works chairperson be allowed to designate certain individuals, at the chairperson's discretion to function as public works agents to assist with curb stop shutoffs, water system, pump house monitoring, and other day to day activities as the chairperson deems appropriate. These individuals would not be members of the public works committee. The motion was discussed and past unanimously. The Chairperson indicated that

several prior PW committee members whom have stepped down would be approached as potential agents.

An informational update on recent nitrate levels at the Central Beach and East Beach Wells was presented. Background information on the various nitrate studies and corrective action recommendations were also reviewed and discussed. No actions were undertaken. Several committee members did express an interest in researching prior actions taken against RI water systems which exceeded 10mg/ml nitrate levels.

Committee members were made aware of an attempt to organize a joint public works and long-range planning committee meeting which would further discuss the above issues. Vincent Reppucci, as chair, did not believe the committee presently was adequately versed to provide positive contribution to a combined meeting. All present were made aware that long-range planning did have a meeting scheduled October 10 regarding this with the expected participation of Robert Ferrari of Northeast water systems. It was recommended that public works committee members attend if possible to gain more insight.

There have been several pump controller issues as well as a main Control Panel issue, inability to designate well 2 as a primary pump feed, which appear to be electrical. Northeast WS is aware and as our water system operator they have scheduled for an electrical technician to troubleshoot. This has not been yet performed. Vincent Reppucci will follow up

Public works committee will proceed with installation of 7 stop signs as per the annual meeting per prior PW recommendations. These have been outlined by the prior PW Chair Wally Kelly. Locations will be determined and specifics regarding stop sign placement and design will be confirmed with Charlestown public works. Several committee members agreed to volunteer with digging of the post holes. Paint formulations for the white traffic lines by the stop signs and application methods will be researched by Bob Frazier.

Several active construction sites will require curb stop reconnection. The present curb stops, if old, may need to be replaced. This has been planned for 81 Ninigret. The mechanism for replacement and connection of the curb stop, as well as curb stop shutoffs for other residents, was discussed. The chairman will obtain the requests and ask a public works committee member or agent to oversee and perform shutoffs and connections.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent Reppucci