

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Long Range Planning Committee
held Monday, May 29, 2017
at the Charlestown Police Department
Community Room
4901 Old Post Road
Charlestown RI 02813**

Members in Attendance: Tom Farrell, Ellen Frost, Roy Jacobsen, Paul Mathews, George Prior, Kate Thornton, Chris Getman

Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Bob Pompei representing East Beach Water Association

I. Call to Order

Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made to approve December 28, 2016 meeting of the Long Range Planning Committee. The motion was seconded and passed , with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion.
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III. Review, update and possible action on Engineering Evaluation and Facility Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Northeast Water Solutions, Inc.

Based on Public Works report to the Board of Governors May 27, Tom Farrell conveyed that this project is generally now under the auspices of the Public Works Committee. No action required at this time

Tom also informed the committee that a proposal from Northeast Water Solutions, Inc. to upgrade the control panel which will allow offsite electronic blending of output from the two wells was approved at the BoG meeting.

IV. Update and Discussion of potential alternative water sources.

Tom Farrell reintroduced an e-mail received by Chris Getman from Marshall Chiaraluce representing the Connecticut Water Company in which the Water Company requested detailed information about our water system with the intent of purchasing the water system. While no formal motion was made, it was the consensus of the committee that the request not be considered at this time.

Roy Jacobsen informed the group of an initiative being undertaken with East Beach Water as the lead partner in applying for a \$2.8 million grant to the Rhode Island Water Resources Board. Bob Pompei provided additional background as follows:

- The purpose of the grant is to purchase land for future well head protection and new well location in South County. Specifically, property has been identified north of Route 1 off Route 216 east of the shooting range.
- East Beach Water has been advised that such an application would be viewed more favorably if it included supporting letters from other communities on the Quonochontaug Neck, including Charlestown, Dunns Corners, Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District among others.
- The application deadline is end of 2017 or First Quarter of 2018 and it is not defined what entity would be making the application.
- Bob Pompei has agreed to provide our committee with a copy of the application.

Bob also informed the group of discussions he is having with Westerly Water Department to bring water from its end location at Shelter Harbor Golf Club to West Beach Road and East Beach Road. Bob agreed to keep Vinny Reppucci and our committee informed of these discussions.

After extensive discussion about the pros and cons of the grant, the committee felt it would be advantageous with little risk financially or otherwise to support this application.

A **motion** was made as follows: The Long Range Planning Committee recommends to the Board of Governors that Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District support the grant application to Rhode Island Water Resources Board. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion except one (George Prior).

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

Kate Thornton reported that with the help of Ellen Frost, Chris Getman and George Prior, we have been able to recreate a time line of the events for remediation of the phragmites that commenced in 2006 and ended in 2014. Many relevant documents and key players in that effort have been identified and reviewed.

In the process of this review, we realized that a proposal made by ESS in March, 2014 was approved by Nancy Matthews but no subsequent report was found in the documentation. George Prior agreed to follow up with his contact at ESS to determine if the work was ever completed.

Kate agreed to provide copies of the time line and key documents to the group at our next meeting on June 24th.

No other action was taken.

VI. Adjournment

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:15 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Kate Thornton

