

**Minutes of the Meeting of  
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District  
Long Range Planning  
Committee held Saturday,  
June 24, 2017  
at the Quonochontaug Grange  
US Route 1  
5662 Post Road  
Charlestown RI 02813**

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

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 8:35 a.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

A **motion** was made to approve May 29, 2017 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. A motion was made to approve the minutes of a joint meeting of Long Range Planning and Public Works Committees on July 23, 2016. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

**III. Update and Discussion of potential alternative water sources.**

As a follow up to our last meeting, Bob Pompei updated the group on the status of a proposed grant application to the Rhode Island Water Resource Board for well head protection and new well sites for South County, RI. At our meeting in May the LRP Committee recommended to the BOG that QCBFD support this application by a letter of support. At that time, it was not understood what entity would be the “applicant” for the grant. While the application format and content is not finalized at this time, it is clear that the applicant must be a “municipality” and thus eliminates East Beach as an applicant. Bob is looking to either QCBFD

and/or Dunns Corner's Fire District to be co-applicants and further stated that Charlestown while supporting this application will not be an applicant.

It was the feeling of the LRP Committee that there was insufficient information to take any action at this time and further felt that its recommendation to the BOG would be difficult to defend given the new information Bob shared with us. It was also felt that not enough detail is available to make a decision based on the facts. Bob agreed to attend our meeting in July and bring technical people to discuss the application process and other information in more detail. Long Range planning agreed to develop a list of questions to be sent to Tom Farrell for Bob and the technical group before July 29<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made that Long Range Planning table its recommendation to the BOG that it support the grant application from the July 1<sup>st</sup> BOG Agenda. The motion was seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion.

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

Kate and Ellen distributed a master time line from the approximate 2010 to 2014 Phragmites remediation undertaking. This history recreates the major processes and documentation available. It was felt that this historical analysis was essentially complete and that the committee begin to develop next steps.

After some discussion it was agreed that we schedule a meeting with Amy Silva of CRMC to help determine the current climate and remediation techniques. Kate and Ellen will attempt to do this and report back at the next meeting on July 29<sup>th</sup>. It was also agreed that George Prior will connect with his contact at ESS to survey the landscape for phragmites remediation.

#### **V. Adjournment**

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:55 a.m. The motion was seconded and **passed** unanimously