

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Long Range Planning Committee
held Wednesday, December 28, 2016
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

Members Absent: Ron Jarvis, Chris Getman

Also in attendance were Vinny Reppucci and Jim Montstream representing the Public Works Committee.

I. Call to Order

Tom Farrell called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A **motion** was made to approve the amended draft minutes of the October 10, 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.

III. Review, update and possible action on Engineering Evaluation and Facility Capital Improvement Plan prepared by Northeast Water Solutions, Inc. including consideration of the 2017 Budget for the Public Works.

Vinny Reppucci provided the committee with raw data of historical nitrate levels in CB and EB and a graph of the trend for all four wells. The data provided suggests seasonal variation with spikes in the August-November months. Historical levels appear to trend along these lines and Public Works believes the nitrate levels will continue at these levels for the foreseeable future.

Vinny shared the status of the two test wells that were drilled last year. As a follow up to LRP request to pursue appropriate photos and a written report, Northeast Water Solutions, Inc. has made a proposal to provide the services necessary to video both wells and submit written reports on the hydrology and geology of the well area. The report will also provide a clearer understanding of the viability of these wells as a future source of water. The Public Works

Committee will meet and makes its recommendation regarding this proposal to the Board of Governors in the Spring.

The following **motion** was made, seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion. “Long Range Planning Committee expresses its support of Public Works Committee intention to obtain a professional report on the status of the two deep wells.”

IV. Update and Discussion of potential alternative water sources.

Tom Farrell introduced an e-mail received by Chris Getman from the Connecticut Water Company in which the Water Company requested detailed information about our water system.

The following **motion** was made, seconded and **passed**, with all members of the Committee in attendance voting in favor of the motion “Discussion of the e-mail request be tabled until Chris Getman is present at the next Long Range Planning Committee Meeting.”

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

Members of the committee with knowledge reviewed the history of the remediation project undertaken in 2012 and the status of the CRMC application. Without taking a formal vote it was decided by the consensus of all to research and document these past activities and gain more current knowledge on remediation methodologies and CRMC’s recent projects either under consideration or approved. Tom Farrell appointed a task force consisting of Kate Thornton, Ellen Frost, and George Prior to pursue this knowledge.

VI. Possible action to set schedule of future meeting dates.

The following meeting dates and times were agreed upon.

May 29, 2017 8:30 am
June 24, 2017 8:30 am
July 29, 2017 8:30 am
September 2, 2017 8:30 am
October 9, 2017 8:30 am

VI. Adjournment

A **motion** was made to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:53 a.m. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Kate Thornton