

Final Minutes of Meeting of  
QCBFD Public Works Committee  
January 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM  
Quonochontaug Grange, Lower Level  
Route 1 Charlestown RI 02813

Present: Bob Frazier, Vin Bailey, Tom Frost, Fred Newton, Bill Meyer, George Prior, Greg Reppucci, Bob Roseman

Absent: Tiffany VanElslander, Steve Peet, Jim Moonstream

Additional Attendees: Roy Jacobsen

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 AM

1. Minutes of 10/15/22 PWC Meeting amended and then unanimously approved; Minutes of 11/12/22 PWC Meeting unanimously approved

2. Water system upgrade proposal plans have been submitted to RIDOH and put out to bid with ads in Westerly Sun and Providence Journal and posted on state web site. Pre bid meeting scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> with bids due February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Any changes from RIDOH will be relayed to bidding contractors as an addendum to the RFP plans.

3. Tom Frost discussed his efforts working with NWSI to improve the monitoring and management of the existing pumphouse system. It was noted that Pump C needs a replacement part and since it is so vital it was suggested we also purchase a backup whole pump in case of future failure. Tom also suggested going back to running the UV circulation system continuously to alleviate the stress on pumps A & B which are turning on and off too often.

3. Water distribution system issues were discussed including repair of Surfside / West Beach Road Blow off, reaming corporation stop for low pressure, and the location of water distribution valves. It was suggested that we add a line in the annual water operational budget to reserve for maintenance needs in the distribution system of mains and valves over time.

4. Water service at Frost / Mara lots 290 & 294 West Beach Road is proceeding as planned.

5. The following road issues were discussed:

- a) A chart of the proposed new speed limit signs locations was offered by George and will be sent around for review
- b) The Dunn's Corner Fire Department recommendations were discussed and the committee preferred to keep the existing speed bumps and paint them with reflective white paint
- c) Flooding / water accumulation after heavy rain on certain streets was discussed including actions by homeowners to regrade their property. The status of the Ninigret Street pump maintenance was reviewed.

6. The chair gave an update on the proposed plans for wetlands restoration around the wells.

7. The chair also requested volunteers for subcommittees for water conservation, road improvement policies and specifications for improvements made on QCBFD property, treatment plant operation (which Tom is working on), and water distribution operation (which George is working on). It was noted there is already a building subcommittee for the new pumphouse. It was agreed that George would come up with a plan to allocate sections of QCBFD to committee members who are year round residents to canvas their specific areas to help him look for leaks when the system alerts unusual activity.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45am