

Approved Minutes of Meeting of
QCBFD Public Works Committee
March 25, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Quonochontaug Grange, Lower Level
Route 1 Charlestown RI 02813

Present: Bob Frazier, Vin Bailey, Fred Newton, Steve Peet, George Prior, Jim Montstream, Bob Roseman

Absent: Tiffany VanElslander, Tom Frost, Greg Reppucci, Bill Meyer

Additional Attendees: Roy Jacobsen, Tom McConnell, Maud Bailey

Meeting called to order at 9AM

1. Minutes of 1/14/23 PWC Meeting were unanimously approved
2. The construction contract for water treatment plant upgrade with R. P. Iannuccillo & Sons Construction Company was discussed. Bob noted the contract was also being reviewed by BOG's counsel. It was agreed that we require that any and all documents, invoices, change orders, drawings, manuals, etc. related to both contracts be prepared and submitted in digital format with QCB having the right to also request printed copies as well. It was also noted that either NWSI or Iannuccillo be required to identify and physically label all components and piping, including direction flows. Subject to these terms being agreed to, the committee then voted unanimously to approve the contract for water treatment plant upgrade with R. P. Iannuccillo & Sons Construction Company at a cost of \$1,083,250.
3. The issue of the bladder failure in the pressure tank was discussed, and Bob will suggest NWSI replace the pressure tank and work out a credit in the building contract to offset that cost
4. Maintenance for the sump pump on Ninigret was discussed in order to reduce the silt going into the pump. Fig will check with AB Hoxie to get a quote.
5. The request for sleeveing the water service line from the curb stop to the house at 34 Sea Breeze Ave. was discussed and the committee voted to unanimously approve the authorization letter Bob drafted to send to Mark Dowdell.
6. George gave an update on the water service at Frost / Mara lots 290 & 294 West Beach Road.
7. The NWSI Construction Services Contract for the construction coordination and operation of the water treatment plant upgrade project was then discussed. Bob said the contract was also being reviewed by BOG's counsel. It was noted the costs in the contract were very high and

implied over 500 billable hours or 3 months of a full time NWSI person. It was agreed that the numbers in the contract be used for budgeting but they were actually maximums which were not to be exceeded. The chair noted that Bob Ferrari agreed that all services in the contract should be billed on the time and material required at the hourly rates in the current operating contract or below. The committee then voted to unanimously approve the NWSI Contract for Construction Management and Oversight dated January 18, 2023 subject to billing at hourly rates under the standard terms of our operating contract where the total costs are not to exceed the maximums in the contract.

7. We discussed the wellsite wetlands restoration / CRMC status noting we would like to get a plan submitted before applying for the new pumphouse permit.

8. We discussed the request for a Special Use Permit from the Town of Charlestown Zoning Board for operating a water pumping station in a residential zone. George will attend the next Zoning Board meeting on April 18 to get the approval.

9. Finally we discussed financing options for the pumphouse improvement capital project. Decisions on the federal infrastructure bill and the RIBB state funding are still pending, but we have adequate funding available from Washington Trust.

Meeting adjourned at 11am.

The next PWC meeting is May 13th at 10AM at Cross Mills Library.