

Draft Minutes of Meeting of
QCBFD Public Works Committee
June 17,2023, 10AM
Cross Mills Library
4417 Old Post Road
Charlestown, RI

Present: Bob Frazier, Vin Bailey, Jim Montstream, Tiffany VanElslander, Tom Frost, Greg Reppucci, Bill Meyer

Absent: Bob Roseman, Steve Peet, George Prior, Fred Newton

Additional Attendees: Julie Low

Meeting called to order at 10:00AM

1. Minutes of 6/17/23 PWC Meeting amended and approved
2. Discussion of construction contract for water treatment plant upgrade with R. P. Iannuccillo & Sons Construction Company
3. Water distribution system discussion: System blow off was performed in May; it was suggested we confirm the location of the water distribution valves to isolate mains if needed and record their GPS coordinates; update on Hoxie contract to replace the sump pump on Ninigret for which it was suggested we get a back up generator
4. Discussion of removal of the large tree adjacent to the water tank. It was agreed that community property should review the site and approve its removal as it endangers the tank and pump house and it is not in any wetlands restrictions
5. Discussion of status and possible action for repair of roadway on Surfside Ave. in front of Muchia residence. It was agreed that we obtain the site plans / survey from the Muchias or town hall and confirm what if any impact needs to be corrected and then deduct the cost for such work from the road impact fee deposit
6. Discussion and possible action related to the recommendations from the conservation subgroup; a draft outline of the message to the community was reviewed; there was general agreement we should raise a yellow flag & post notices when we were in D1 & D2 drought conditions and a red flag & notices when we were in D3 & D4 ones. It was unclear what the corresponding levels of the well would be in each of these. There was also no consensus as to whether we should or could lower the water pressure into the system if the wells fall below a minimum level to make it clear to the community when conservation was critical. It was also noted there was some minimum pressures required by regulation.
7. Discussion and possible action on wellsite wetlands restoration / CRMC status.
8. Discussion and possible action on Dunn's Corner FD Inspection and Plan Review Fee of \$5,365.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45AM

Next PW Meeting scheduled for July 15,2023 at 9AM at the Quonochontaug Grange Lower Level. Respectfully submitted Bob Frazier