

APPROVED

**Minutes of Meeting
of
Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Public Works Committee
held on July 22, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Via Zoom Videoconference (COVID RELATED)**

Present: Vincent Reppucci, Tom Frost, James Finn, Bob Frazier, Jim Montstream, Steve Peet, Vin Bailey, Dick Campbell.

Absent: Greg Reppucci, , Fig Newton

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Motion made and seconded for approval of Minutes of June 27, 2020 PW Meeting
2. Water System Update:
 - a. Still waiting for firm estimates from Nicholson for Pumphouse expansion costs and membrane filtration costs and operating expenses; also waiting for pumphouse expansion plan and estimates as well as monthly operating costs comparisons for green sand filtration from Ferrari
 - b. Water Sampling results: Recent test results continue to be favorable
 - c. Lightning strikes: We experienced 2 separate strikes in June. The first appears to have come in through the National Grid power line and destroyed the control panel. Estimated cost is \$5,000 of which \$4,000 is covered by insurance after a \$1,000 deductible. The second appears to have hit the well and come in through the well line. Multiple systems were damaged. Estimated cost is \$7,000 and we have put in a second insurance claim. As a result we will make sure the improvements to the pumphouse include better lightning rods and surge protection. We will also review a possible different design for the control panel.
 - d. Water conversation: The community successfully reduced water consumption during the July 4th week by 15% compared to same period last year.
3. RIDOH latest news: RIDOH still wants us to become 4 log chlorine compliant which requires approval of funding expense at the annual meeting.
4. Discussion on possible actions on the following
 - a. Cox internet versus FIOS: We currently have Cox but FIOS is better for lightning strikes because it is fiber optic which does not transmit electricity. FIOS is more expensive but increased speed may allow for security camera footage to be uploaded. A third less favorable alternative is a wireless system using cellular, but that would be an expensive install for maintenance.
 - b. Alternative Water System Operators: Given the amount of issues that are in flux we will continue with Northeast as operator.
 - c. Chip seal update: Three remaining streets should be finished next year.
 - d. Vegetation line sight cleaning: The potential for removing overgrown vegetation on QCBCFD street property that block signs or sight lines was discussed.
 - e. Painting speed bumps: Plan to repaint in September
5. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Vincent Reppucci