

Approved Minutes of Meeting

Quonochontaug Central Beach Fire District
Public Works Committee
Quonochontaug Grange Hall
5662 Post Road (Route 1), Charlestown, RI 02813

August 4, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Meeting Called to order 8:00

Attendance: Vincent Reppucci, Jim Montstream, Tom Frost, Bob Frazier, Greg Reppucci, James Finn

Absent: Steve Peet, George Prior, Richard Campbell

1) Minutes Nov 25 2017

- a) Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously

2) Minutes June 16, 2018

- a) Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously

3) Information update regarding speed bump and speed humps

- a) Bump to hump conversion is 1K per; as per estimate obtained 2 years ago
 - i) Bump at surfside and in front of Huntington will be graded to reduce abruptness
- b) White lines seemed to have slowed traffic
- c) We will seal the cracks looking for an estimate/vendor
 - i) Check town for vendor
 - ii) King is possible

4) Nitrate levels and water usage informational update

- i) Up to 4.5 on well 1 as expected
- ii) Check with northeast for East Beach numbers
- b) Raw data on water usage over last two years
 - i) Are we using more water this year compared to prior? Sense is yes!
 - ii) Will tabulate data of passed three years to see if there is a trend.

5) Motion to recommend to BOG to place on website: *"The use of municipal community water to fill and maintain pools is forbidden"*.

- a) Seconded, discussed, and passed unanimously

6) Motion to recommend to BOG: *"A service fee of \$50 be instituted for curbside water shut-off and turn-on (\$25 for shut-off and \$25 for turn-on) to be collected by the Fire District and placed in a Curbstop Water Fund"*

- a) Motion seconded and discussion centered on reasoning and rational to institute the fee.
- b) Presently about 30-35 households take advantage of seasonal curbstop shutoff. We expect as houses place water cutoffs within the home this number will decrease. Although volunteer committee, curbstops are property of CB and proper handling is required to minimize damage.
- c) Curbstop shutoff, and more critically turnon, needs to be coordinated with homeowner and/or plumber and is performed by 3 PW approved agents (all volunteers). Scheduling wise this can be a significant time commitment for the present agents

- i) In future, as volunteers and PW agents become less available, this will be passed to a licensed agent (most likely a plumber) we expect there would be a greater fee involved then.
- d) Funds can be used to offset PW expenses, and compensate agents performing curbstops shutoffs and turnons.
 - i) Agents will have the discretion to invoice the Fire District, as independent contractors, for their time performing the curbstops shut-off and turn-on should they desire, up to \$25 maximum per event.
- e) Motion unanimously passed and will be presented to BOG.
- 7) **Motion to adjourn was made** , seconded and unanimously passed.
 - a) Meeting adjourned: 9:06 am

Respectfully submitted

Greg Reppucci

Approved 11/21/2018 PW Committee meeting