

**PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT
BOARD OF UTILITY COMMISSIONERS**

By-Law Subcommittee – January 5, 2010

A meeting of the Pascoag Utility District Board of Utility Commissioners By-Law Subcommittee was held on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in the District office, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

Members Present: Mr. Albert Palmisciano and Ms. Ann Polacek

Members Absent: Mr. Brian Choiniere

Mr. Palmisciano called the meeting to order at 2:34 pm.

1. Review of Charter and By-Laws

Mr. Palmisciano wanted to address the enabling legislation of 2001, specifically paragraph 45-58-6. He thought that the wording of “general election” could be misinterpreted to mean eligible in the statewide election rather than the Pascoag Utility District Annual election. He would like it changed to reflect that it’s referring to PUD’s Annual election.

Mr. Palmisciano’s second concern was that he thought a cost analysis should be done to assess whether the fire hydrant

assessment fee should be turned into a tax for property owners so that the fee could be more evenly distributed throughout the Village of Pascoag thus reducing the burden to the water rate payers. Ms. Allaire stated that she would work on finding a cost for levying a fire hydrant tax.

Discussion points from a By-law Subcommittee meeting that was held on February 23, 2009 were revisited. Among the items that were discussed were:

- If rate payer's names are not on an active electric or water account, they will not be allowed to vote. The deadline to add names to an electric or water account is the day of the Canvasser's meeting. This is addressed in the By-Laws.**
- In order for a candidate to have their name not appear on an election ballot, they must withdraw their candidacy ten days prior to the Annual Meeting.**
- Beginning in 2010, Pascoag Utility District will require all voters to present a license or photo I.D. when they register to vote at the Annual Meeting.**
- The Board is considering going to five members through means of voluntary termination, death or the candidate declaring they do not want to run for a second term. Pascoag Utility District staff has researched various municipalities and found that the majority of their Boards' have only five members.**

The By-Law Subcommittee decided that they would like the full Board to vote on the changing of the above mentioned By-Laws.

These will be items on the agenda for the regularly scheduled BUC meeting in January.

2. Adjournment

Mr. Palmisciano made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Polacek. The vote in favor was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Brian Choiniere, Secretary
Board of Utility Commissioners

Desarae Downs, Recording Secretary