

WORKSHOP SESSION of the Town Council held Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 7:27 P.M. in the Council Chamber, Town Building, 105 Harrisville Main St., Harrisville for and within the Town of Burrillville.

PRESENT: Council President Nancy F. Binns, Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn Jr. and Norman C. Mainville.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Councilor Robert A. Bishop was excused

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the Burrillville Conservation Commission, Redevelopment Agency of Burrillville and the Pascoag Reservoir/Echo Lake Dam Management Association

Relative to discussion and consideration of feasibility study for a small hydro-electric facility within the village center of Harrisville, RI (overview of the project and potential benefits of pursuing the initiative)

VOTED to open

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor Wallace F. Lees. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn, Jr. and Norman C. Mainville. Councilor Robert A.

Bishop was excused.

Discussion: Michael C. Wood, Town Manager, said the purpose of the workshop was review of the Redevelopment Agency's proposal for a small hydro-electric facility. Mr. Wood said the proposal had been submitted to the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, which had awarded a \$40,000 Renewable Energy Fund grant for the study.

Mr. Wood said that the Redevelopment Agency had chosen Mill Pond as the site, that the Town was involved as the property owner, and that the study had been awarded to Stantec Consulting Services Inc. Representatives of Stantec and GEI Consultants were at the workshop to make the presentation.

Mr. Wood acknowledged the work of Thomas J. Kravitz, Town Planner and Economic Development Coordinator in securing the funding. Steve Rawson, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, was recognized as the driving force in initiation and pursuit of the project.

Nick D'Agostino, P.E., Stantec Consulting Services, Inc. introduced the feasibility study team which included himself, Rick Schultz, P.E., Michael Baxter, P.E. and Mark Tracy, P.E. Mr. D'Agostino spoke briefly of the background of the Mill Pond Dam. Mr. Schultz made a presentation of the components to the feasibility evaluation. A copy of the presentation is on file with the record of the meeting.

It was noted that the evaluation was in the very early stages. There was discussion of evaluations' components throughout the presentation.

VOTED to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

Motion by Councilor Norman C. Mainville. Seconded by Councilor John M. Karmozyn, Jr. The vote was unanimous by the six members present. Voting in favor were Council President Nancy F. Binns and Councilors Wallace F. Lees, Margaret L. Dudley, Kevin D. Heitke, John M. Karmozyn, Jr. and Norman C. Mainville. Councilor Robert A. Bishop was excused.

The workshop was recorded.

Louise R. Phaneuf, Town Clerk