

**Pawtuxet River Authority  
And Watershed Council  
Historic Harris Mill  
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**Monthly Board Meeting  
February 5, 2007**

**Board Members Present: Jim McCaughey, Robert Nero, Brian Manning, Jack Lancellotta, Jack Donovan**

**Board Members Absent: Arthur Langlais, Scott Goodinson**

**Associate Board Members Present:**

**Associate Board Members Absent: Richard Dorr, Vincent DiGiulio, Robert Zulegar, Dan Meunier**

**1. Call to Order:**

**Chairman Nero noting that a quorum was present called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.**

## **2. Minutes from last meeting**

**Minutes from the January 2007 Board meeting were handed out.**

## **3. Board Member Status**

**The following members have resigned as of February 2007:**

- Scott Horton**
- Joe Castellon**
- Al Smith**
- Louise Pettinicchio**
- Paul Baine**

**The following individual was appointed from the City of Warwick:**

- Scott Goodinson**

**The following individual was appointed from the Town of Coventry**

- Jack Donovan**

## **4. Annual Report**

**The annual report for FY 2006 that was due last May (for the period**

**07/01/05 through 06/30/06) is not yet finished – the Towns/Cities have therefore not submitted their contributions for FY 2007. Chairman Nero stated that once this completed we will immediately put together the FY 2007 report.**

## **5. Projects**

### **Howard Property**

- a. Tree Planting – April 28, 2007 – Dan Meunier will coordinate – PRA is purchasing 500 seedlings**
- b. Canoe Launch - \$31,000 available from RIDOT to build launch – partner with Warwick Sewer Authority – Warwick will pay the bills and PRA will reimburse when RIDOT funds are received**
- c. Acquisition of Property – RIDOT – is working to deed two small pieces of property adjacent to PRA property to the PRA**

### **Veterans Square**

- a. \$46,000 grant on hold from RI Trails Advisory Committee– partnership with the town of West Warwick**
- b. PRA will need a Wetlands Permit to complete planned project**
- c. \$1,000 LEG Grant received**
- d. PRA will finish outside of shed by summer months**
- e. PRA still needs to fix floor inside of shed**

- f. PRA will bring in underground electric line – will use contractor**
- g. Fix drive way – eliminate asphalt**
- h. Jack suggested that Bob should speak to the Arctic Village Association**

### **Pawtuxet Falls Fish-way**

- a. Completed feasibility study**
- b. Second phase design – has been put out to bid**
- c. Bid awarded to - Milone and MacBeacon from Cheche CT**
- d. Should have design by May or June**

### **Hope Mill**

**a. Hope Utilities, Inc. – Water Hydroelectric, Solar PO Box 178 One Main Street Hope RI 02831 401-678-0010 hopemill@cox.net have offered the PRA the following properties in exchange for permission to install a sewer line through PRA River-walk property:**

- i. Cranston Bellefonte Mill – no longer being considered due to contamination issues**
- ii. Hope Dam – being considered to allow for access to river**
- iii. Hope Furnace Property – 18 acres past Reed School House Road**

### **Legal Issues**

- a. Bradford Soap – Merolla and Accottoro – Warwick law firm**
- b. Echo Valley Apartments – Merolla and Accottoro – Warwick law firm – PRA owns River-walk that runs through Echo Valley – Section 8 housing built a driveway on a piece of PRA property in this area – PRA will look into legal rights over this piece of property**
- c. Scituate/Riverwalk Parcel 5 Large Lot – Merolla and Accottoro – Warwick law firm – small parcel of property owned by PRA behind the Hope Mill on Rte 116.**
- d. The PRA owns five (5) railroad deeds.**

### **Riparian Buffer Study**

- a. In 2005 Guy Lefebvre applied for and received a \$41,000 grant from RIDEM to perform a Riparian Buffer study on the Pawtuxet River – Guy left and the grant was put on “hold” – EA Engineering recently approached the PRA and asked if they could help restart this project**

### **Voting:**

- b. The Chairman will put out a request for proposals to at least three firms to perform engineering services to initiate the Riparian Buffer Study – work not to exceed \$2,500 – vote all in favor.**
- c. The Chairman proposes retaining the service of a law firm to conduct title searches of three pieces of PRA property at least three firms will be contacted and written quotes received– services not to exceed \$2,000 vote all in favor.**

## **6. Adjournment:**

**The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM**