

**Pawtuxet River Authority
And Watershed Council
Historic Harris Mill
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**Monthly Board Meeting
November 3, 2008**

**Board Members Present: Robert Nero, Jack Donovan, Rita Holahan,
Fritz Benz, Jim McCaughey, , Michael Maddalena, Glenn Warfield, ,
Scott Goodinson, Jack Lancellotta, Brian Manning, Paul Lockett**

Location: Cranston WWTF

Board Members Absent: Ross Adrain, Arthur Langlais

1. Call to Order

Noting that a quorum was present Chairman Nero called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM. Reading of the September and October minutes took place and were accepted with some noted typos. Rita stated that

the “Grants” line item in the September 2008 Minutes should read “\$1,000 RILEG Grant.” Motion to accept with corrections by Glen Warfield seconded by Fritz Benz – all in favor.

2. Old Business

New Headquarters

The PRA has been in the Harris Mill for about three years. The RIDEM “Depot” on Warwick Ave may be available for the PRA. Chairman Nero suggested that a contingent of PRA representatives meet with the RIDEM Director to discuss plans for taking over this facility. Rita, Scott and Fritz stated that they will meet with the RIDEM Director to discuss this issue including terms and time schedules. The PRA may need an intermediate facility to store files and equipment.

Pontiac Canoe Launch

Evaluation of bids, 25 RFPQs sent out and five bids received. Fritz noted that Shalvey Brothers was the low bidder. Rita asked how the PRA is protected from project overruns. Fritz Benz responded by discussing the use of project cost contingencies. Bob Nero stated that some site preparation work has already been completed by the PRA. A vote was taken to award Shalvey Brothers – all were in favor. Glenn asked about stormwater flow onto the site. Fritz stated that this issue will be addressed with the contractor and will be corrected with appropriate grading.

New Permits for POTWs on Pawtuxet

Floor open for discussion. Jack asked to set up a meeting with operators of the three facilities. Scott will call the three superintendents and make arrangements for a meeting. Rita asked what the ultimate purpose of the meeting will be. Jack stated that it would be to supply information to the PRA regarding this issue. Rita stated that the PRA could help with raising public money for funding these projects. Arrangements will be made to have a presentation made by a professional biologist to help educate the Board members.

Annual Report

The PRA Annual Report will be sent out to Board members next week. Bob discussed PRA properties and property values.

3. New Business

Fish Ladder

Bob stated that the PRA has \$25,000 in grant funds and \$56,000 in restricted funds for the Fish Ladder project and has identified \$500,000 in potential grant funds from the Department of Agriculture. EA Engineering of Warwick is working on design plans.

Legal Council

Glenn asked about the PRA's efforts to investigate receiving back payment from West Warwick and Scituate. Bob stated that he will readdress this with the PRA attorney and report back next month.

Howard Property

Bob stated that vandalism occurred at the Howard Property over the last weekend. The PRA will make every effort to keep an eye on this property.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.