

**Pawtuxet River Authority
And Watershed Council
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**Monthly Board Meeting
September 17, 2008**

**Board Members Present: Robert Nero, Jack Donovan, Rita Holahan,
Fritz Benz, Jim McCaughey, Jack Lancellotta, Michael Maddalena,
Glenn Warfield, Arthur Langlais, Scott Goodinson**

Location: Coventry Town Hall

Board Members Absent: Brian Manning, Ross Adrain

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

Noting that a quorum was present Chairman Nero called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. Reading of the August minutes were waived and accepted.

2. Old Business

New Headquarters

Harris Mill is in receivership. The PRA can continue to use the facility for an office but liability prevents us from using the facility for public meetings. Arrangements will be made to hold the October 2008 meeting at the Hope Pond Facility in Scituate.

PRA Truck

Veolia has donated a truck to the PRA and is now assisting with financing to help make some needed repairs on the truck.

Pontiac Canoe Launch

Bid specifications are being prepared and will be distributed to interested parties next week.

Fish Passage

The project is in the next to final phase – proposals have been sent out for a contractor to perform permit and design work – bids are due tomorrow. Construction should take place next spring or summer. A \$25,000 grant has been received RI Wetlands Partnership.

Annual Report

The PRA Annual Report will be ready for the next meeting.

Grants

The PRA will be applying for \$1,000 grant – we are looking for projects/activities.

RI Trails Advisory Grant

The PRA has a in place \$1,200 reimbursement grant.

Lake Tiogue Management Study

A scientist from ESS has completed a study on invasive plant problems, dam issues, and water quality in Lake Tiogue for the PRA and Lake Tiogue Association.

3. RIDEM Presentation

Pawtuxet River Communities RIPDES Permit Re-issuances.

A presentation was made Eric Beck, RIDEM Supervising Engineer on new RIPDES Permits. Joe Haberek, Liz Scott, and Angelo Liberti all from RIDEM were also in attendance.

4. New Business

Pontiac Ave Property

Scott noted that National Grid was seen, recently, removing trees from PRA property along Pontiac Ave.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.