

**Pawtuxet River Authority
And Watershed Council
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**Monthly Board Meeting
April 6, 2009**

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

Guest: Martha Cruciani

Location: West Warwick WWTF

Board Members Absent: Arthur Langlais, Ross Adrain

1. Call to Order

Noting that a quorum was present Chairman Nero called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The March minutes were reviewed and discussed.

Martha made a motion to accept the motion was seconded by Fritz – all in favor.

2. Spectacle Pond Clean-up – Bob noted that a clean-up was conducted on Saturday. Jack Donovan stated that the clean-up event was very successful. Bob stated that in the future the PRA will try to collaborate with the owners of the surrounding property. Tipping fees for waste disposal were waived.

3. Natural Resource Conservation Service Flood Plain Restoration Program

Rita stated that the NRCS has funds from the National Stimulus Program for flood plain restoration projects. Nationally - \$145 M is available and RI may get several million in funding. Applications are due April 10th. The PRA has several proposals.

a. Cullion Marine Drive Properties/Wellington Ave.

NRCS will be conducting a site visit tomorrow – April 7th to look over this property at Pontiac and Marine Drive in Cranston. Funds are available for restoration activities conducted in accordance with plans developed by the NRCS. Property on the Warwick side parallel to Wellington Ave. consists of 14 acres. Rita is working with the owner to develop an application package.

b. Randall Pond/Pocasset

Bob stated that this property is part of the Pocasset Watershed in the vicinity of property on Liberia Street owned by the PRA. An application will be submitted to the NRCS.

c. Canna/Aster/River Street Area

Bob stated that this property in West Warwick is often flooded during rain events. Bob stated he had a meeting with local residents to build a canoe launch downstream of the Natick Dam.

4. Long and Short Term PRA Planning

The next Sub-Committee meeting will be held on Thursday April 16th 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM Scott will find a location and Jim will send out a notice to all Board members.

a. Details on Canoe Launch Event

Bob stated that the fence at the site is complete. Jack Donovan noted that at least one species of planting did not seem to take. Bob will look into having them replaced.

5. Clean-Ups

Bob suggested that the May 2nd clean-up be cancelled. Ginny suggested conducting the clean-up in the fall.

6. New Business

Glenn noted that he now works on Saturdays but is available on Mondays to canvas businesses. Mike stated that he is available to assist.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM