

**Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council**

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**MINUTES**

**Monthly Board Meeting**

**PRA Office, Hope**

**December 6, 2010**

**Board Members Present: Bob Nero, Ross Adrain, Jack Donovan, Scott Goodinson, Rita Holahan, Jack Lancellotta (arrived 6:50 p.m.), Ginny Leslie, Paul Lockett, Mike Maddalena, Brian Manning, Carl Mattson, Ed Soltys, Gary Trott (arrived 6:50 p.m.)**

**Board Members Absent: Fritz Benz (excused)**

**Guest: Christopher D'Ovidio, Esq.**

**Call to Order**

**Chairman Bob Nero called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the first meeting in the PRA's new office. A quorum was present. Mr. Nero distributed the agenda; it was approved with additions on a motion by Mr. Mattson which was seconded by Mr. Donovan.**

**Approval of October, 2010 Meeting Minutes**

**The minutes for the November meeting were unanimously approved on a motion by Mr. Goodinson, seconded by Mr. Soltys.**

## **Executive Session**

**On a motion by Mr. Goodinson, seconded by Ms. Leslie, the board voted to go into executive session at 6:23 p.m. The executive session ended at 8:10 p.m. and the regular meeting resumed.**

## **FEMA and NRCS Clean-ups**

**Ms. Holahan provided an update on these efforts. Thanks to PRA board members, volunteers and ACI work crews, the clean-up at Belmont Park in Warwick is complete and the one in the Perkins Avenue area in Cranston is more than half done. The FEMA inspector was pleased with the progress. There will be another clean-up in at Perkins Avenue on Saturday, December 11, weather permitting. Serve RI has been asked to help again. ACI crews will return to do more work along Wellington Avenue. There will be additional clean-ups in West Warwick and Coventry next year; the PRA will help identify the locations.**

**The NRCS agreement has not yet been finalized, but the preliminary award is \$347,000 for priority clean-ups, which include the Clyde Bleachery area in West Warwick, Father Tirocchi Field in Warwick and the Pontiac dam footbridge in Warwick. The PRA and NRCS will identify additional priority areas.**

## **Blueways Alliance**

**Watershed groups throughout the state, including the PRA are**

**working with the Rhode Island Foundation to put together a uniform set of paddle guides for the rivers in the state.**

### **Netaconkanut Hill Conservancy**

**The Memorandum of Agreement has been signed by both parties. Attorney D'Ovidio will talk with representatives from Citadel Broadcasting, owners of the property which the Conservancy wishes to protect.**

### **Municipal payments**

**Mr. Nero reported that Cranston and Scituate have made their payments to the PRA for this fiscal year.**

### **Grant for Roger Williams Park Ponds**

**The City of Providence has received a large grant from the Environmental Protection Agency to improve water quality in the ponds at Roger Williams Park, part of the Pawtuxet River watershed. Much of the money will be used to cut down stormwater pollution.**

### **Blackstone National Park letter of support**

**Ms. Leslie provided information about the proposed new national park in the Blackstone Valley. The board agreed to send a letter of support to our congressional delegation. Members also signed a petition.**

### **Norwood property donation**

**Rita reported that the transfer of this 14 acre property abutting the**

**Amtrak line is scheduled to take place within a week. Terms have to be finalized.**

### **Adjournment**

**On a motion by Mr. Goodinson, seconded by Mr. Donovan, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Leslie, Secretary**