

Pawtuxet River Authority and Watershed Council

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Monthly Board Meeting

PRA Office, Hope – May 6, 2013

Board Members Present: Bob Nero, James Johnson, Brian Manning, Jack Donovan, Michael Breault, Bridget Skuce, Jack Lancellotta, Steve McAllister, Rita Holahan, Mike Maddalena, Paul Lockett

Board Members Absent: Scott Goodinson, Tara Digre, Arthur Langlais, Ginny Leslie

Associate Members Present: Ross Adrain

Call to Order

Mr. Nero called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. A quorum was present.

Acceptance of April 2013 Monthly Board meeting minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Lancellotta to approve the minutes. A discussion ensued whereby Mr. Lancellotta asked that the record reflect that his absence for the April meeting was excused for medical reasons. Mr. Breault motioned that this adjustment be made and the minutes approved. Mr. Lockett seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Approval of May 2013 Monthly Board meeting agenda

A motion made by Mr. Manning was seconded and unanimously approved

May 2013 treasurer's Report

Ms. Holahan presented a treasurer's report for the month of April 2013 and budget for attachment to the 41st Annual Report to the municipalities. The FY 13 budget report includes expenditures for July 2012 –April 2013 and projections for May and June 2013. The treasurer's report also included the proposed FY 14 budget for July 2013 thru June 2014. A motion was made by Jack Lancellotta and seconded by Steve McAllister to approve the reports to the municipalities including the budget for FY 2014.

Arkwright to Phenix Riverwalk Issue

On a motion by Mr. Lockett, the board entered a closed session regarding a confidential issue with the Arkwright to Phenix Riverwalk.

Randall Pond Cleanup April 20

Mr. Nero summarized the success of the cleanup at the PRA property at Randall Pond on Libera Street in Cranston. Nearly 40 students from the Johnson & Wales University Feinstein Community Service Center Providence Campus on Saturday April 20. Approximately 15 cubic yards of litter, and tree and vegetation debris was removed and staged. The City of Cranston DPW later removed the collected

material and disposed it on the PRAs behalf. The PRA provided and J&W provided a cookout for the volunteers.

Arkwright to Harris Riverwalk Cleanup April 13

Mr. Nero summarized the success of the cleanup at the PRA property at the Arkwright to Harris Riverwalk trailhead at Hill Street in Coventry on Saturday April 13. About 50 students from the Johnson & Wales University Feinstein Community Service Center Providence Campus showed up. The cleanup focused on unclogging the various brooks which run through the property, removing litter and abandoned materials. Fallen trees were cut with chain saw provided by Mike Breault and Bob Nero. Approximately 10 cubic yards of litter, tree and other man-made debris was removed and staged. Bob Nero later removed the collected materials and disposed them at the Central Landfill. The PRA provided and J&W provided a cookout for the volunteers.

Old Kent Road Property Update

The Old Kent Road LLC group is still inquiring as to whether the PRA will acquire some part of the former Sunrise Academy site. Mr. Nero reiterated that a deal would only be possible if the PRA received a significant amount of help rehabilitating the small building for the PRA headquarters. Mr. Breault stated that he has not had much success communicating with New England Technical College's carpentry program for help since he made earlier contact with them. Mr. Nero offered to help pursue the assistance from NE Tech.

Gannon & Scott Property Acquisition Update

Mr. Nero announced that Gannon & Scott had completed installation of a new chain link fence around its entire property abutting the Howard Conservation Area, which includes the land recently sold to them by the PRA.

Fishing Tournament

James Johnson provided a status report concerning planning the upcoming 1st Annual PRA Team Bass Fishing Tournament at Flat River Reservoir on September 7, 2013.

New Business

Adjournment: On a motion by Mr. Lancellotta, seconded by Mr. Donovan, the board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

RJ Nero, Chair