

Prudence Island Water District

Minutes of meeting: September 1, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Phillip Brooks, Robert Hanson, and Richard Brooks.

Approval of minutes: Motion by Rick Brooks to approve the minutes of August 4, 2007, seconded by Robert Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Ms. Richard reported that she had been in communication with special counsel for the district about financing scenarios for administrative costs surrounding the acquisition and that counsel was optimistic that a funding mechanism would be found. Mr. Buffum asked if day-to-day administrative costs could be funded. Ms. Richard said that it would depend entirely on the timing of the applications and approval process.

Ms. Richard reported having received a call from RI Interlocal Risk Mgt Trust checking the district's e-mail address, stating that their carrier had received an incorrect version and district e-mail was bouncing. She verified that the trust had the correct e-mail address.

Technical: Phillip Brooks reported that Anne Veeger, Professor of Geosciences at URI was investigating a grant opportunity for a

3-dimensional aerial sonar survey of bedrock fracture systems. He said that a sub-surface radon survey was another component of the survey that would provide a more definitive idea of how much water was available on the island. Ms. Richard asked if a letter of support from the district would be helpful in facilitating the grant process. Mr. Brooks said that a letter of support would probably be very welcome.

Phillip Brooks reported that DEM would be testing the wells on the South End reserve property. He said that there is a difference of opinion between state agencies about quality of those wells.

Richard Brooks reported having accompanied Robin Weber to do well and stream monitoring and that water levels were continuing to drop. He said that he expected levels to drop even further before they began to recover from the dry summer season.

Phil Brooks said that the next well measurement would take place in 2 weeks.

Correspondence: No correspondence.

Other business: Bill Capron asked if the district was still considering disbanding. Mr. Buffum said that the district would continue for as long as it was possible to do so. Mr. Capron asked if the district had a deadline for the completion of the Narragansett Ave. project. Mr. Buffum said that although the district would be pleased if the work

were completed in a timely fashion, a “deadline” had not been imposed.

Ms. Richard asked if Mr. Buffum had received any direct communication from the Portsmouth Town Administrator regarding the upcoming town council meeting on the island to be held Sept. 15. Mr. Buffum said that he had not, so the district shouldn't be on the agenda for the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk