

Prudence Island Water District Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting held 1/12/13

Call to Order. Meeting called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were Moderator Harry Sterling, Board Members George DeChambeau (Treasurer), Martha Fuller (Clerk), Philip Brooks, and David Buffum. A quorum was present. Also present, Office Manager/Bookkeeper Donna Hammann and System Manager Will Capron.

Approve minutes for two meetings. Philip Brooks moved, David Buffum seconded, to approve minutes of meetings of December 8, 2012, and December 29, 2012. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Martha Fuller moved, Philip Brooks seconded, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimously.

Review Accountant's Report. Deferred.

Web Site Report. Donna Hammann is to meet with a consultant on January 15 to set up new Web site and transfer material from the current site.

Renew Lease for Backhoe. David Buffum moved, Philip Brooks seconded, to approve the renewal of the lease of Will Capron's backhoe. Approved unanimously.

On-going system improvement projects. Will Capron has prepared estimates of costs for three projects: Third Street, Fairview, and Harriet. David Buffum moved, Martha Fuller seconded, to proceed with the Fairview project. Estimated expense, \$11,500. Approved unanimously.

Facilities Improvement Plan – projects after water source development. C & E Engineering, funded by the Department of Health, can write applications to the U.S. Department of Agriculture; submission deadline is March 31. Department of Health must approve inclusion of PIWD application. C & E must have information Monday, January 14. Priority of projects would depend on location of possible new water source. Should include water treatment plant, office/storage facility, Narragansett Avenue line upsize from 2" to 4", Army Camp well improvements. If new source does not require treatment, PIWD can remove treatment plant from list of high-priority projects. Philip Brooks moved, David Buffum seconded, to request that C & E prepare the application. Approved unanimously.

Employ agent of the Board to manage funding and construction projects. George DeChambeau moved, Martha Fuller seconded, that PIWD engage Steve Levy as its agent to assist in managing PIWD projects. Passed unanimously.

Office Manager's Report. PIWD has \$137,909.36 in bank account, \$4,025 undeposited.

System Manager's Report.

- Monthly water samples for November & December absent of bacteria
- Took final well water samples for 2012, results good, all less than the MCL
- Received 2013 monitoring schedule. Received schedule for lead/copper water sampling
- Stream flow & well monitoring done for November & December
- Installed curb stop to 029 Daniel Avenue, curb stop off per Donna Hammann
- Installed service line & curb stop to lot #51/Map #75 (Messina/Ditommasso job)
- Cleared cherry tree & bittersweet vines that were completely blocking Prospect Terrace
- Received letter & site plan from Todd Chaplin at Mt Hope Engineering. This was in regards to an ISDS @ 0299 Narragansett Ave. Visited site, took measurements, talked with T. Chaplin, wrote letter to same. Requested proper offsets be kept between leaching area & water line for John Oldham Road (leaching area uphill from water line). Donna Hammann e-mailed letter to MHE.
- Leaves raked where necessary at most installations
- Made graphs of the height levels of the #3 monitoring well. Excellent news. The data proves the aquifer around the Indian Spring Wells recharges to or near capacity every year. This reverses a trend from 1998 to at least 2004 when the aquifer was being depleted. More excellent news. Water production for 2012 was 6,337,800 gallons, the lowest amount on record and less than half of the over 13.5 million gallons pumped in 2003. With respect to pumping, we have turned the clock back to the 1980's or perhaps as far back as the 1960's. Thankfully I must conclude that the PIWD has no detrimental effect on the aquifer in region IV.
- Per a request by Moderator Sterling, made several estimates for water line installation or replacement suggested in the FIP.
- Started and let run emergency generators at Indian Springs & Broadway pump houses
- Shoveled snow where necessary at installations
- Went through a box of papers Marcy Dunbar had given me, segregated important or useful papers from garbage.

Adjournment. Martha Fuller moved, George DeChambeau seconded. Approved unanimously.