

Prudence Island Water District Board of Directors

Minutes of Meeting held 11/9/13

Call to Order. Present were Moderator Harry Sterling; Clerk Martha Fuller; Board Members Bill Silvia, Jan Northby, Philip Brooks. A quorum was present. Also present, Office Manager Donna Hammann, System Manager Will Capron

Approve Minutes, September 14, 2013. Philip Brooks moved to approve, Bill Silvia seconded. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. The Board reviewed the report. Martha Fuller moved to approve, Jan Northby seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adopt 2013-2014 Budget. Martha Fuller moved to adopt, Philip Brooks seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discuss meter installation. In considering meters, equitability has always been a concern. One possibility is to install meters for zones, to aid in detection of leaks. Moderator Sterling will consult with USDA, and if they approve, a zone meter will be installed as a pilot project, probably in Warnerville.

Schedule for Narragansett Avenue line and Army Camp well house, and set meeting for reviewing bids. At the December 14, 2013, meeting, the Board will review bids and recommendations. Wright-Pierce will manage the process, with input and oversight from the System Manager and the Board.

Hire additional laborer? The Board discussed the possibility of hiring an additional laborer. Moderator Sterling will look into staffing possibilities.

Office Manager's report: \$134,041.16 in bank, \$23,961.35 in checking account. \$1,580.00 undeposited funds.

System Manager's report:

Dismantled and removed enclosure from Goulet well, filled in vault.

Emergency valve replacement for 028 and 031 John Oldham Road. Both valve frozen open. Main line appeared to be 2" HDPE, system map denoted 1½" HDPE water line here. Service line to 031 John Oldham is sweat fitted copper and very close to main line. Not enough room between main line and service line to install a curb stop and homeowner valve. Service line to 028 John Oldham is inside a PVC conduit.

Attempted to install a flushing hydrant on the "winter line" on Gov. Paine Road and Landing Lane. Located a 1½" water line denoted on system map, tried following to end. Found a ¾" water line inside the 1½" water line. 1½" line used as a conduit. Went in other direction, eventually located another ¾" line. There are two ¾" service lines on Landing Lane, each received a curb stop.

Installed 1" flushing system at end of Ross Lane by Narragansett venue. 1½" line changes to 1" line somewhere on Ross.

Alton Barrett has undergone formal training as operator and has a set of key to installations. He cut grass at Broadway, World Headquarters, around Big Blue, and parts of Indian Spring.

Purchased Stihl "Kombi System" with hedge trimmer attachment. Works well on briars and weeds.

Purchased lumber and built two trench covers.

Researched water line and homeowner's valve locations for line that runs through private property from Pier Road to Brown Lane.

Met with Andrew from Wright-Pierce Engineering to look over blueprint for Army Camp pumphouse and Narragansett Ave./Broadway water line. Answered and asked questions about water line extension. This project should address the problems at the junction of Narragansett Ave., and Gov. Paine Rd. Have repeatedly informed Wright-Pierce of the low pressure problem at the Broadway Pumphouse to Army well and inquired about the installation of some type of pressure regulating valve even if said valve is initially bypassed. Monthly water sample for October absent of bacteria.

Army Camp well disinfected again, water sample absent of bacteria, waited two weeks, took another sample, also absent of bacteria. Well back on line.

Took another sample from Indian Spring #1 well, positive for total coliform. Disinfected well again, water sample still positive for total coliform. Contacted Northeast Water Solutions for review of disinfection procedure. Donna Hammann faxed them the data sheets from disinfection, which have been passed on to Joe Ingari, the geologist, for review and recommendation for next disinfection.

Started installing water line on Fairview from Third Street toward Chase Avenue. Tough going, rocks of all shapes and sizes. Using sifted sand to protect new line.

Philip Brooks moved, Jan Northby seconded, to go into executive session. Passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RIGL 42-46-5(a)(5) Discussion related to acquisition or lease of real property for public purposes: land for new water source.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Philip Brooks moved to seal Executive Session minutes, Bill Silvia seconded. Passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Adjourn