



**State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board**
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**PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Thursday February 2, 2006**

Members Present:

Frank Perry, Chair
Jay Aron
William Parsons

Members Absent:

William Penn

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal
Elaine Maguire

Guests

David Lynch
Paul Clough
Philip Keyes
Leo Corrigan
Peter Gengler
Mark Boyer

I. CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mr. Perry called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Parsons, the minutes of the September 1, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

IV. ITEMS FOR ACTION:

A. Rhody Rovers Big River Management Area Land Use Request for 7/16/2006-8/ 27/2006

David Lynch, member of the Rhody Rovers Motorcycle Club briefed the Committee on the contribution to the West Greenwich Scholarship fund, for the high school students was \$15,000.00, over the years at the local schools. Also requesting the approval from the Committee to hold two events in 2006 in the Management Area using the same trails as they used in 2005, the events should have at least 80 participants. It was also noted while the proposed event is for a worthwhile cause, the Water Resources Board's policy is that fuel, electric motors and all terrain vehicles in the Big River Management Area should be reconsidered. Jay Aron, DEM Forester, stated he would review the trails and make a report. On a motion by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Aron, the request was approved.

B. BRMA Pancarowicz- Brouillard Properties, Encroachment Issues

Mark Boyer, Boyer Associates, the surveyor for the Board briefed the committee on two encroachment issues in the Town of Coventry. Mr. Boyer provided pictures and maps for the committee to review. The Pancarowicz property has a barn, a fence, wood, parts of vehicles, tree stumps, encroaching on Big River property. The Brouillard property has part of a shed. Keith White from White Appraisal provided the Committee with an analysis of what one should pay for the right to rent the land from the Water Resources Board. One question raised by Mr. Parsons was: what is the liability factor if someone gets hurt, and is requesting an answer from legal council required. Elaine Maguire, Property Manager stated there was a site visit to the two properties by Mark Boyer, Keith White, and herself on February 2, 2006. On a motion by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Aron to provide the preliminary analysis dollar value to legal council for review and to draft the necessary documents for the Board's full approval.

C. New England Mountain Bike Association BRMA Land Use Request for 9/10/2006

Members of NEMBA briefed the Committee on the history of their Association and the upcoming event on the trail locations and the number of participants. Mr. Aron had some concern over the number of people exceeding 2000, due to the number of cars in the Carrs Pond parking lot and the liability on the roads. The members discussed trail assessment, and mapping in Big River, boardwalk and bridge construction, over small streams and low lying areas, create a mountain bike patrol, to educate and inform trail users and report to management. Mr. Aron will meet with members of NEMBA and report back to the Board on his recommendations. On a motion by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Aron to table the request until further information is available.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. Land Use Plan Update

Elaine Maguire, Property Manager, briefed the committee on the status—the update was provided by Brian Tefft, RIDEM, Fish and Wildlife. The purpose of the project is to conduct vegetation management and control of invasive shrub species that have invaded grasslands and old field habitats. No action needed, staff will report to Property Committee members on completion of the project. The project when complete will be 92 acres.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

The property manager's activity report was provided for review and discussion. On a motion by Mr. Aron and seconded by Mr. Perry, activity report was approved.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Perry
Chair

**Note: The full proceeding of this meeting is available on audiotape by request.*

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