



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Water Resources Board
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Property Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 2, 2006

Members Present:

Francis J. Perry, Chair
William J. Penn
Jay Aron
Michael Walker- designee for Mr. Parsons

Members Absent:

William Parsons

Staff Present:

Juan Mariscal, PE
Elaine Maguire

Guests:

Albert F. LaFazia, RI Sheriffs
Gary Lonergan, RI Sheriffs
William M. Stamp, WRB
Thomas J. Brandt, RIARNG
John Barr, Lead Safe Inspections
Sharon Barr, Lead Safe Inspections
Stephen A. Cardi, Cardi Corp.

1. Call to Order
With a quorum present, Chairman Perry called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes: February 2, 2006 Meeting
Mr. Penn moved approval of the minutes with a second by Mr. Perry. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Items for Action:
 - A. Cardi Corp. Request to widen section of New London Turnpike in the Big River Management Area—Request for Approval.

Mr. Perry explained that the Board had previously given the Cardi Corporation permission to extend a section of New London Turnpike for their excavation operation for safety reasons. As part of that approval there is a section of the road which crosses a beaver dam and at this point, they are requesting to widen that central roadway. This is a section that has been left as a single lane.

Mr. Cardi continued that the Town of West Greenwich had requested that Cardi Corporation not use Hopkins Hill Road. To date, Cardi Corporation has returned to its original condition 1.7 miles of New London Turnpike. We stayed away from the section to avoid running afoul of any DEM regulations. This was originally just a brook. The beaver dam has created this pond. The beaver dam is important for 2 reasons: it's important to Cardi Corporation because it is holding back water and it raises the level of the water. Water is precious to us—we conserve water as much as we can as it is very important to us in our operations. We are requesting to widen the road to its original section on the opposite side because we've already had one truck go off the road just beyond the beaver dam—because a bee had flown into the cab of the truck. The problem with the beaver dam is this—if anyone damages that beaver dam the only suspect will be Cardi Corporation. Therefore, to preserve the beaver dam for the water and the beaver, we are requesting to widen the road. If we can put some sort of earth retention on the downstream side of the dam and widen the road to accommodate a concrete jersey barrier on the road next to the beaver dam. Therefore that will secure the dam forever from damage from accident or whatever and it would eliminate a bit of a hazard for us. It would allow easier passage of the vehicles to reduce accident risk. If possible we could take a piece of steel pipe, have it rolled to the side with another pipe inside it to protect the beavers and the pond. Then put in some earth retention either concrete barriers or beams along this side and then fill in and create a solid road and put up a jersey barrier right along side of the beaver dam, which would therefore completely isolate the beaver from any involvement whatsoever, then put in some sort of pavement on it—asphalt mix or asphalt. We respectfully request permission for this because it is safe, it makes sense for the beavers and it could eliminate a potential accident. Mr. Cardi stated that they would need to present engineering plans for final approval to the Board.

Mr. Perry explained that with the exception of this 500 foot section, the road is wide enough to accommodate the trucks. In this section, one truck must wait while another passes—it can only accommodate one lane of traffic. On a motion by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Penn the request to widen the road was approved with staff working with Ron Gagnon of DEM for approvals and Cardi Corp. engineers for design.

B. Rhode Island State Sheriff's Department Apprehension Unit—Search and Rescue Training within the BRMA. Request for Approval. Captain Albert LaFazia

Captain Albert LaFazia briefed the committee of the possibly of conducting search and rescue training within the BRMA. A demonstration was conducted at the former Amgen site with the ATV's and Captain LaFazia described the standard equipment used on each ATV. The training activities would be approved by staff and would be in one area of the BRMA. On a motion by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Penn the request was approved and to go to the full Board for approval.

C. Rhode Island National Guard Command Readiness Center, Approval to Obtain 1,000 Cubic Yards of Sand for Road Improvement at Camp Fogarty Training Center. Request for Approval. Elaine Maguire, Manager Property

Elaine Maguire briefed the committee on a meeting held at the Field Office for the possibly of removing sand from the BRMA to support the road at Camp Fogarty Training Center. Staff chose the location the sand would be bagged and stored. All military equipment will be used and it would only take one day for the project. On a motion by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Penn the request was approved

D. Option to Renew Coventry Pines Golf Club Lease. Request for Approval. Elaine Maguire, Property Manager

Property Manager Elaine Maguire briefed the committee on the request to renew the Coventry Pines golf Club lease. A letter from Attorney Peter Nolan, notified the committee for the intent to exercise there option to renew the lease pursuant to paragraph five. Mr. Penn question an appraisal on the property but stated this was a renewal of the lease the figures would still be calculated by the CPI. On a moton by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Penn the renewal of the lease was approved and sent to the full Board for approval.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

A. Big River Management Area—Lead Inspections for Review and Discussion. Lead Safe Inspector John Boyd

Inspections of the BRMA was presented to the committee with recommendations by Lead Safe Inspector John Boyd, most inspections was reference to painting and windows, the Nursery School was of concern and Property Manager is working with vendors from the MPA to correct the situation . No action needed a discussion item.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Property Committee Board Staff Activities
Staff activities were presented

6. NEW BUSINESS:

7. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Walker and seconded by Mr. Penn meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Perry
Chair, WRB Property Committee

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