

POTTER HILL DAM INFORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2021

Ashaway Fire Station, 213 Main Street – 2nd Floor, Ashaway, RI 02804

6:00 P.M. Call to Order

- 1. Attendance and meeting protocol – 5 minutes
 - Present: Jim, Carl, Roger, Chip, Marie
 - Absent: Howie, Bob
- 2. Review and accept the prior meeting minutes – 5 minutes
- 3. Review the Well Survey mailing list and respondents if received – 45 Minutes
Updated list from Gina
 - Gina had no updates because of the holiday, but will send the latest when she has it
 - Carl suggested that Jim send her his updated list for her to edit
 - Gina confirmed that French Village was overlooked and that Ashaway mailings were most likely misdirected to Hopkinton zip code

Finalize actions to improve responses

- Request from the Town a list of all home addresses along the river within 1000 feet of the river
- Lisa informed Jim that the town manager must be contacted to initiate a robocall
 - Marie will draft a robocall to :
 - Inform the public of the Potter Hill Dam removal project and its potential impact on wells and recreation
 - Provide a contact if constituents have a well and want to complete the well survey
 - Chip will draft a flyer with similar info as above
 - Jim will ask Lisa about creating a webpage to post information and gather public input

Discuss flood risks/DEM Risk assessment – 15 minutes

- Chip provided the committee with DEM’s *Inspection Program*
 - Per Stacy Pinto from the Office of Compliance and Inspection, DEM classified PHD (Potter Hill Dam) as “low risk”
 - Low risk per DEM does **not** refer to the condition of the dam, rather it refers to the risk of loss of life and economic loss
- Last inspection of the PHD was in 2000, there is no record of an inspection in 2005

5. Continue to formalize what questions our committee has for the Town of Westerly on the Potter Hill Dam – 30 minutes

- Jim will share the document listing the questions so that the committee can begin wordsmithing, prioritizing questions and adding questions as necessary

6. Discuss next steps – 5 minutes

- Confirm the location for our next meetings – Jim
- Can we ask Hopkinton to create a list of properties within 1000 feet of the river – Jim
- Robo call – Draft verbiage - Marie
- Public Awareness form/flyer – Chip
 - Determine if response can be to a town email list
- Can a Hopkinton information webpage on Potter Hill be created – Jim
 - Provide a Link to Westerly site

Date of next meeting: July 13, 2021

Adjournment.