

POTTER HILL DAM INFORMATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 20, 2021

Ashaway Fire Station, 213 Main Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Ashaway, RI 02804

6:00 P.M. Call to Order.

1. Attendance and meeting protocol – 5 minutes
  - a. Jim
  - b. Roger
  - c. Carl
  - d. Howie
  - e. Bob
  - f. Chip
  - g. Steve Moffitt
  - h. Scott Bill Hirst - Late
2. Review and accept the prior meeting minutes – 5 minutes
  - a. Minutes accepted
3. Discuss feedback and follow ups from the July 19<sup>th</sup> Townhall meeting – 10
  - a. Chip clarified statement regarding DEM, and the Army Corp of engineers that a hearing can be requested on a permit application.
  - b. It is unclear where notice of applications are posted. Chip will research.
4. Discuss content of draft robocall message – 15
  - a. It was agreed that we need to confirm what distance from the river to indicate in the robocall message.
  - b. Chip pulled data from the GIS for 2000 feet from the river and found 473 addresses. He will refine and trim out some of Bradford and add names and mailing addresses.
  - c. The impact area for the survey needs to be confirmed. Jim will request the Hydrology map from Gina again.
  - d. Carl will ask URI contacts for any input on impact area.
  - e. It was agreed that we need to firm up contact methods with the Town Hall.
  - f. An email address with autoreply (with info) with auto forward to our committee should be considered.
  - g. We will need someone from the Town to receive phone calls
5. Discuss content of draft public awareness flyer – 15

- a. The first draft was reviewed and it was agreed that more information should be added. Chip will reference the 7/13 meeting minutes and update for our next meeting.
6. Review Westerly's 2020 grant proposal – 30
  - a. Steve asked who is the Lead is the lead on the project – Mark Rooney  
Town Manager
  - b. What was the funding source for the Bradford Dam removal – Jim will attempt to find prior report
  - c. Fire protection was a consideration for BDA. Jim will reach out to the Ashaway Fire Department for a statement of impact.
  - d. We would like to obtain a copy of the 2015 Study from TNC in collaboration with NOAA. Jim will request via Lisa.
7. Continue to formalize what questions our committee has for the Town of Westerly on the Potter Hill Dam – 30 minutes
8. Discuss next steps – 5 minutes
  - a. Follow ups on robocall and flyer
  - b. Fine tune question list 60 minutes
  - c. Set a date to meet with Jim Turek, Fuss and Oneil
  - d. Town of Hopkinton reach out to Town of Westerly with asks and meeting request
  - e. Carl will look into the Yagoog Dam and background on the efforts to not remove it
9. Date of next meeting: July 27, 2021.
10. Adjournment.