

POTTER HILL DAM INFORMATION COMMITTEE
MEETING Minutes
August 3, 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
 - a. Jim Duksta
 - b. Roger
 - c. Carl
 - d. Howie
 - e. Bob
 - f. Chip
 - g. Scott Bill Hirst
 - h. George Joslin
 - i. Jim Driscoll
 - j. Steve Moffitt

Old Business

2. Review and accept the prior meeting minutes – 5 minutes
 - a. Accepted
3. Discuss content of draft robocall message
 - a. Distance from river in message will be at 1000 feet
 - b. Discussed the need for a dedicated phone line and voicemail
 - c. We will callback all people who call in
 - d. Determined that we should conduct our own well survey
 - i. Survey should capture well distance from the river < 200, < 400, >400-1000, >1,000 Feet
 - ii. Plan to use the current well survey as a model
 - iii. There is a need to finalize the survey method and where to direct people
 - iv. Need to confirm if Westerly will accept our survey results (Jim will ask Gina)
4. Discuss content of draft public awareness flyer
 - a. If funding is needed, we will need to make a request of the Town Council
 - b. Should these be hand delivered?
 - c. Should there be a follow up one week later?
 - d. We can requested volunteers from CHS via Guidance department
 - e. Post the flyer in public places in town

- f. Add additional summary facts – Jim will make added updates and send out for review
5. GIS Mapping update
 - a. Chip will update the data to make a 1,000 foot buffer and send out for review
 - b. Chip will send the list to the tax assessor and request mailing addresses for the parcels in question (copy the Town Manager)
 6. Continue to formalize what questions our committee has for the Town of Westerly on the Potter Hill Dam
 - a. Postponed to 8/17
 - b. Jim will send the latest list
 7. Updates on the Town of Hopkinton reach out to Town of Westerly with asks and meeting request
 - a. Steve Moffitt confirmed that the letter has been mailed
 - b. Steve read the letter to the committee
 - c. Steve will be looking for a response and if there is none he will reach out by phone next week and report back
 8. Set a date to meet with Jim Turek, Fuss and O'Neil – 5 minutes
 - a. Proposed August 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, September 2, 3
 - b. If the meeting is remote it can be held in the Fire station
 - c. Request a ZOOM Session from town once the date is known

New Business

9. Interview with George Joslin well driller
 - a. Update \$15,000 for the well and pump up to 300ft deep with 20 feet of casing
 - i. Plus additional casing at \$30/Ft until bedrock or the full depth of a Gravel pack wells
 - ii. Plus trenching \$350 – 1000
 - iii. Plus Water testing \$325
 - iv. Permitting not necessary in Hopkinton
 - b. Shallow point wells, and dug wells can be impacted by the river drop
 - c. Gravel pack wells can be impacted by the river drop
 - d. Driven bedrock wells with shallow depth may be impacted
10. University of Montana study – Mill town reservoir dam in 2013
 - a. There was a shortage well drillers
 - b. A well replacement guide was established
 - i. Proactively replaced wells in the mitigation zone
 - ii. Additional impacted wells were covered for 1 year past complete removal in year 3
 - iii. Water quality changes were covered
11. Jim and Chip on vacation next week. Motion to not hold a meeting was passed

12. Discuss next steps – 5 minutes
 - a. Refine questions for the meeting with the town and the project team.
13. Date of next meeting: August 17, 2021.
14. Adjournment.

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