

POTTER HILL DAM INFORMATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
December 7, 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
 - b. Carl
 - c. Bob
 - d. Marie
 - e. Scott Bill
 - f. Peter Ogle
2. Review and accept the prior meeting minutes – 5 minutes.
 - a. Minutes reviewed and accepted
3. Old business
 - a. Followed up on the request for the well survey/data via Sharon and Brian Rosso-request denied
 - i. Follow up directly with Sharon Ahern and cc Chief Lacey directly
 - b. Request that the Town Council:
 - i. Appoint a liaison from the Town Council as a conduit for the council and this committee -not done
 - ii. Take a formal position on the alternatives presented by Fuss and O’Neil- not done
 - iii. Begin to work directly with Town of Westerly moving forward on actions and plans regarding the dam -not done
 - iv. Begin to look for funding to assist with the chosen alternative-not done

Follow

4. New business.
 - a. Request of Sharon Ahern and Chief Lacey that a member of this committee be present at the preliminary permitting meeting with DEM and Fuss and O’Neil on December 16. Copy Rep Kennedy and Rep Morgan. Also include Hopkinton Town Council President and members.
 - b. Carl will attend the December 16 meeting if we are invited
 - i. Post meeting update; our attendance was declined.
 - c. Jim Lamphere is our appointed town planner and Chris Fox has indicated that he participated in the creation of the comprehensive plan and has a seat upon the Potter Hill Dam Project. We should engage him in our committee.
 - d. The Comprehensive plan
 - i. Is this a legal Binding document for Hopkinton?

- ii. Can it be altered if there is a conflict of interest such as; the impact of dam removal on resident's drinking water, and the impact on fire fighting and safety of town.
 - iii. Consult with our Town Solicitor
 - e. Request of the town - construct a riverside put in/ takeout area for recreation. This could further stimulate economic growth in the town in nearby vacant real estate space at the Post Office and former gas station.
5. Discuss next steps – 5 minutes.
6. Set date of next meeting: January 11, 2022
7. Adjournment.

Letter to Westerly Town Council President:

Dear _____,

We the town appointed Potter Hill Dam Information Committee respectfully request that we have a representative in attendance at the December 16, 2021 RIDEM Preliminary Permitting Meeting as we have been charged with reporting back to the Hopkinton Town Council.

Your immediate response would be greatly appreciated.

Regards,

Time line:

Wednesday December 8

Carl -send email to Sharon Ahern at Westerly Town Council
cc Lacey Kennedy, Morgan and Justin Price rep-price@rilegislature.gov
Lisa Cook Martin, ask her to forward to town council

Friday, December 10

If no response from Sharon, email Kennedy, Morgan, and Price directly to reach out on our behalf.