

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: March 4, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Robert Hanson and Phillip Brooks. Absent was Richard Brooks.

Approval of minutes for meeting held February 18, 2006. Phillip Brooks moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

Administrative: Annual report. Ms. Richard said that the report had been printed and mailed to the electorate. Total cost \$542.

Technical, Land use and development. Next meeting March 8, Mr. Campbell, representing USGS will attend to talk about determining water resources on the island. Philip Brooks said that he would attend and that USGS was looking for a co-sponsor for the project to defray costs. Mr. Buffum suggested USDA; Ms. Richard suggested NOAA.

Ms. Richard said that she and Mr. Brooks had composed a letter to the town refuting some of assistant town planner's (Gary Crosby) assertions about water issues on the island, but advised that the board not send the letter at this time. Mr. Buffum said that he had spoken to Harry Sterling, PIPC and that Mr. Sterling had met with Mr. Crosby during the week.

Leak detection survey. Mr. Brooks said that he had not done any leak detection recently owing to bad weather. He said that he planned to continue but he did not believe PIUC would address the leaks that had already been found until they surfaced.

Funding. Ms. Richard said that she had contacted Dennis Riley from Sen. Jack Reed's office and had filled out an appropriations request form for FY07.

Ms. Richard said that she had received a call from David Faucher, finance director for the Town of Portsmouth, suggesting that the district make a request for CDBG funding for 2007. She wrote a letter to the town council and said that Mr. Faucher believed it would be on the agenda for March 13.

Ms. Richard said that she had checked with Bob Driscoll, Town Administrator, regarding Rural Development Council funding and that the money was available for disbursement. She said that having these funds meant that the district budget was on target for 2006.

Ms. Richard said that now that the annual report was completed, she would be reporting the results of the district's community outreach program to the Rhode Island Foundation. She said that the project came in slightly under budget and that she would request that the foundation allow the district to use the surplus on community outreach activities until the funding ran out.

No correspondence. Ms. Richard said that she had been expecting to hear from C&E Engineering but had not.

No other business.

Mr. Buffum moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Mr. Brooks, approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Patricia Richard, Clerk