

Minutes of meeting: April 2, 2005

1. Meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. Present were David Buffum, moderator; Patricia Richard, clerk; Robert Hanson and Richard Brooks.

2. Approval of minutes March 19, 2005. Motion to approve by Mr. Brooks, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

3a. Appointment of officers. David Buffum said that Sharon Homan had volunteered to serve as Collector. Ms. Richard moved to appoint Sharon Homan as Collector, seconded by Mr. Buffum, approved unanimously.

Ms. Richard said that Ann Marshall had volunteered to act as a monitor at the June election. Mr. Buffum said that Cynthia Buffum had also volunteered to be a monitor.

3b. Appointment of board member. No progress.

3c. Bylaws. Mr. Buffum asked if he should begin working on bylaws regarding water restrictions during drought conditions. Board agreed that bylaws about restrictions were needed. Mr. Brooks suggested contacting Mr. McGlynn of Portsmouth Water District about reading bylaws. Kim Greene said that Sandra Mack should also have a look a bylaws.

3dI. Administrative goals. Ms. Richard said that she had received confirmation for PIA for election.

Ms. Richard reported purchase of \$108 in office supplies.

Ms. Richard said she had filed disclosure for renewal of insurance.

Mr. Buffum reminded board members to file with ethics commission.

3dII. Technical goals. Ms. Richard reported receiving a phone call from RI Water Resources Planning Board about the desalination plant and that a reference was made to the Saratoga but that she believed the ship in question was the America, to be sunk on April 11. Ms. Richard said the boat was quite old and that even if the plant was viable there was no time to pursue it. Mr. Buffum said the plant would have been taken from the boat before now and warehoused. Mr. Hanson said that he was doubtful that the plant would be useful. Ms. Richard agreed but said it would be interesting to look at a desalination plant to get some sense of what they were like.

3e. Funding. Ms. Richard said that she had spoken to Dave Delisle of USDA and application was moving through the system

Ms. Richard said that she needed to put together a second quarter budget and spend down the 1st quarter funding.

4a. Correspondence. Letter from RI Risk Mgt about safe driving course.

Email from RIWWA about talk on metering by ASRWWA. Mr. Brooks said he would be out of town on the date of the presentation (May 17). Mr. Hanson said that he recently learned that the Town of Portsmouth does not have metering. Ms. Richard said that she believed they were in the process of placing meters. Ms. Richard said it would be interesting to find out about the technology and get a sense of problems involved.

4b. Other. Mr. Brooks asked if Sandra Mack had made contact. Ms. Richard said no. Kim Greene said that she would contact Ms. Mack. Ms. Richard said that she had sent Ms. Mack the NDA and USDA 1780-2. Mr. Brooks said asked if Ms. Mack had been appointed as special counsel. Ms. Richard said that she was not, and that board was still waiting on her proposal. She said \$10,000 had been budgeted for special counsel.

5. Mr. Brooks moved for adjournment to executive session. Ms. Richard moved to cancel executive session because there were no new issues to discuss. Mr. Brooks seconded, approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Patricia Richard
Clerk