

Prudence Island Water District  
Minutes of meeting: July 23, 2005

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

2. Approval of minutes July 9, 2005. Motion to approve by Richard Brooks, seconded by Ms. Richard, approved unanimously.

3aI. Bylaws. Ms. Kim Greene, general counsel, said that she had spoken to Sandra Mack, special counsel, and that she had agreed that Kim should handle the more routine legal tasks associated with district business. She said that she would write up a proposal that would include an hourly rate of \$150 per hour. She said that Ms. Mack had stressed that bylaws need to be in place. She asked Mr. Buffum to provide her with relevant files. She asked if the negotiations with PIUC would be starting on Aug. 6. Ms. Richard said that she had no confirmation of that meeting date and would contact Ms. Mack for an update.

Mr. Buffum presented the board with a copy of bylaws revising the organizational structure and including the anti-discrimination bylaws adopted at the previous meeting.

Mr. Richard Brooks asked if the board had reviewed the section of the conservation bylaws regarding pools and ponds. Mr. Buffum said that he had done some additional work regarding pools and ponds. Richard Brooks said that the public needed to be aware that severe fines applied to violations of the pools and ponds bylaws.

3bI. Administrative goals. Ms. Richard reported that the land use and development workshops with PIPC and the Conservancy would not take place this summer. She said that Mr. Harry Sterling of PIPC had arranged a meeting at the Portsmouth Town offices with Scott Millar of RIDEM, Town Administrator Robert Driscoll, Town Planner Robert Gilstein, Conservancy Chairman Robert Marshall, and a board member from the Prudence Island Water District to take place on Aug. 3, 3:00 p.m. Robert Hanson volunteered to represent the district at the meeting.

Ms. Richard said that she had contacted RI Interlocal Risk Mgt. Trust and that invoicing for insurance would not take place until the end of July.

3bII. Technical goals. Technical issues tabled.

3c. Funding. Ms. Richard expressed concern that several organizations on Prudence Island were approaching Rhode Island Foundation for funding. She said that she had learned that Farnham Farm board had applied to RIF for a \$52,000 grant for renovations to the farm and that she was worried that the foundation would be less amenable to providing support to the water district if too many funding requests came from the island. Ms. Greene asked if the request from Farnham Farm had been made to the Newport County fund. Ms. Richard said that she didn't know and that she would contact Ari Matuziak to get some sense of whether RIF would continue to be receptive to the water district.

4a. Correspondence. Journal of AWWA. Membership package from NEWWA.

4b. Other. No other business.

5. Mr. Buffum moved for adjournment to executive session, seconded by Richard Brooks, approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Patricia Richard  
Clerk