

Prudence Island Water District
Minutes of meeting: August 6, 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 23, 2005. Motion to approve by Richard Brooks, seconded by Mr. Hanson, approved unanimously.

3aI. Bylaws. Mr. Buffum said that he had forwarded Ms. Kim Greene, general counsel, copies of the bylaws and the relevant research materials from which he constructed bylaws, including bylaws from Block Island and Vancouver, BC. Ms. Greene said that she was in the review process and wanted to check the revised corporations laws before finishing up. She said that as yet she had not seen any glaring errors or problems with the bylaws. Ms. Richard asked Ms. Greene to provide the board with a written proposal for her services.

3bIa. Administrative goals. Land use meeting at Town Hall with Portsmouth administrator, Planner, new NBNERR manager, and Scott Millar of DEM sustainable watershed office. Mr. Hanson said that DEM officials seemed interested in working with the district and another meeting was scheduled for September 7. Mr. Brooks reported receiving a copy of Dr. Urish's preliminary report of groundwater availability dated 1989. Ms. Richard asked for contact information for the DEM officials. Mr. Brooks said that the new NBNERR manager could be contacted on any weekday at the reserve. He said that Mr. Millar was interested in having a complete hydrogeology study done on the island.

3c Technical. Mr. Hanson said that the district should investigate the possibility of available water on reserve property. Mr. Brooks said that DEM was interested in protecting wetlands and open space. Ms. Richard asked if the town had been receptive to projects on the island. Mr. Brooks said that the town had been cooperative and that they were interested in other projects in conjunction with the reserve. Mr. Hanson said that he was concerned about the strain on the current water source and that pursuit of possible water source on the reserve property had been abandoned because of possible contamination of old Navy wells. Mr. Brooks said that the topography of the island made the Mill Creek watershed the most attractive water source but was running at near capacity with very little additional potential. Other watersheds are more diffuse, potential for good volume limited to bedrock fractures, also there is considerable expense to transport to the system. Ms. Richard said that as district progresses exploration for new water sources should be carried out. She said that a fracture trace analysis had been done and would get that information to the board. Mr. Brooks said that DEM was interested in acquiring development rights for Mill Creek watershed. Ms. Richard said if that if so, district needs to work with state to include within any agreement the district's right to explore for water.

3c. Funding. Ms. Richard said that she had not yet contacted Ari Matuziak of RIF about possible support but would do so in the near future.

4a. Correspondence. Ms. Richard said that she still had not received an invoice for insurance.

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