

Annual Meeting of the Pascoag Reservoir / Echo Lake Dam Management District held on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Pascoag Utility District, 253 Pascoag Main Street, Pascoag, RI.

To be approved at next Annual Meeting

Members Present: Raymond Cloutier, Scott George, James Giarrusso, Bud Leonhardt, Helen Moroney, Kevin Menard, Leo Plouffe

Members Absent: None

1. Review & Approval of Minutes from the August 2, 2010 Annual meeting.

Motion to accept by Mark Farrar and 2nd by Miron Fonts.

– Accepted unanimous by members present.

2. Financial Report

a. Presentation by Treasurer – Nanette Boudreau gave the treasurer’s report showing a balance of \$15,473.36.

Motion to accept by Mark Farrar and 2nd by Wally Lees.

- Accepted unanimously by members present.

b. Discussion of Past Year’s Finances and Projects – Kevin discussed the details of the financial report. Including the repairing of the fencing at the gatehouse.

c. Uncollectibles – Kevin explained that we were down to three outstanding of the 322 and that those were expected to be paid up within the month.

3. Proposed 2011-2012 Budget

a. Presentation – Kevin explained each line item of the proposed budget

b. Discussion – A few questions were asked for clarity, and answered

c. Action - Motion to accept by Mark Farrar and 2nd by John Gulinello.

– Accepted unanimous by members present.

4. Election of the Board of Directors – Nominations from the floor were made and unanimously accepted by members present. Resulting in the following:

	<i>Town</i>	<i>Term</i>	<i>Elected</i>
1	Glocester	2 years	Jim Giarrusso
2	Burrillville	2 years	Scott George
3	Burrillville	2 years	Leo Plouffe
4	Burrillville	2 years	Steve Engle

5. Re-Organization of the Board of Directors

**- After a short discussion between the board members, it was agreed to keep the same officers; President; Kevin Menard, Vice Pres.; Ray Cloutier, Secretary; Leo Plouffe
This was announced to the membership.**

6. Discussion of Legislation with Representative Keable

- While waiting for Cale Keable to arrive, Kevin updated the members on the status of ownership for the dam and the Pascoag portion of the lake. In response to a question he also told the group that the “Study commission” was not formed based on learning of the donation of the Pascoag portion of the lake to the Seakonk Wampanoag Indian tribe**

- **Cale Keable discussed the lake related legislation that he’s been involved with. He elaborated on the bill related to invasive species and the rumors of a new boat tax.**
 - **Here is the link to the House Bill No. [6217 SUB A](#) that was passed and signed by the Governor.**
 - <http://www.rilin.state.ri.us/BillText/BillText11/HouseText11/H6217A.pdf>
 - **BY Keable, Winfield, Marcello, Lally, Guthrie**
 - **ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO FISH AND WILDLIFE -- MANAGEMENT OF AQUATIC INVASIVES SPECIES IN RHODE ISLAND WATERS**
 - **The controversial portion of the bill is “...[By January 31, 2012, the director shall prepare and submit a report to the governor and general assembly that based upon available information provides: \(a\) an assessment of lake conditions including a description of the presence and extent of aquatic invasive species in lakes and ponds; \(b\) recommendations for improving the control and management of aquatic invasives species in lakes and ponds; and \(c\) an assessment of the feasibility of instituting a boat sticker program for the purpose of generating funds to support implementation actions to control aquatic invasive species in the freshwaters of the state....”](#)**
- **Cale also told the members that he was willing to support legislation that the membership wanted for the interest of the PRDMD. In response, the following actions were taken:**
 - **A motion to add a new item to the agenda by Mark Farrar, 2nd by Bud Leonhardt – Accepted unanimous by members present.**
 - **A motion was made by Mark Farrar and 2nd by Bud Leonhardt to request that Representative Cale Keable support legislation to protect the PRDMD from liabilities.** (one suggestion is an addition to § 32-6-2 Definitions, item (3) “Owner”: ... Dam Management Districts or ...Pascoag Reservoir Dam Management District.
 - **Accepted unanimous by members present.**
 - **A motion to add a 2nd new item to the agenda by Mark Farrar, 2nd by Bud Leonhardt – Accepted unanimous by members present.**
 - **A motion was made by Mark Farrar and 2nd by Bud Leonhardt to request that Representative Cale Keable support legislation to allow lake property owners to be able to put their boats in at the state boat ramp.**
 - Accepted unanimous by members present.

7. Q&A

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM

After the meeting, the following attendance information was tabulated:

	Voting Members Attending	Percent Of members	Total Attendance
Burrillville	34	14%	
Glocester	13	17%	
Totals	47	15%	65 - 75