



State of Rhode Island Water Resources Board

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RHODE ISLAND WATER RESOURCES PREHEARING BOARD MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

Monday, April 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m.

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

235 Promenade Street, Room 300, Providence, RI

And via Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89936845723?pwd=MaXH6jM6vySkTVc8uWG29jiamf1bKO.1>

(Remote meeting link for public viewing only, no interaction)

Prehearing Board Members: Meredith Brady, Chair; Zakary Kinzel, Board member; Russell Houde, Board member

Others: Marisa Desautel, Esq., Desautel Browning Law; Michael Mineau, Esq., Partridge Snow & Hahn LLP; Kathleen Daniels, Esq., DeSisto Law; Christian S. Infantolino, Esq., Murphy Prior & Infantolino; Joelle Rocha, Duffy & Sweeney, LTD; Ryan Mulhearn, Esq., Duffy & Sweeney, LTD; Glenn Andreoni; Colin Murray; Peter Ruggiero, Jamestown Town Solicitor; Edward Mello, Jamestown Town Administrator; Michael Gray, Jamestown Public Works Director

Staff and Legal Counsel: Kathleen Crawley; Matthew Smith, Esq.

Call to Order: Ms. Brady called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and noted that there were Zoom attendees (public viewing only, no interaction).

Minutes: Mr. Kinzel made a motion, second by Mr. Houde to approve the March 12, 2025, minutes and with all in favor, the motion passed.

Prehearing Board Recommendation: Ms. Brady read the names of the Appellants into the record. As background, she stated that the Water Resources Board's Prehearing Board conducted a thorough review of the whole record submitted by the Parties and heard oral arguments and testimony from the Parties, and by and through their respective legal counsel, on March 12, 2025. The hearing was held pursuant to the Water Resources Board Rules of Procedure for Administrative Hearings (490-RICR-00-00-9). The Prehearing Board is preparing a written recommendation for the full Board of Directors Water Resources Board to consider.

Ms. Brady stated that based upon the evidence presented and cited case law, the Prehearing Board entertains the following motion:

That the Prehearing Board, upon a thorough review of the whole record submitted by the Parties, oral arguments and testimony from the Parties, and by and through their respective legal counsel, on March 12, 2025, hereby recommends that the full Board of Directors of the Water Resources Board reverse the decision of the Jamestown Water and Sewer Commission denying water extensions and water connections to the four Appellants, namely;

Glenn and Marjorie Andreoni, 10 Seaview Avenue, Jamestown, RI;

Paul and Gail Frechette, 19 Seaview Avenue, Jamestown, RI;

Stephen Zimmiski and Suzanne Gagnon, 7 Seaview Avenue, Jamestown, RI, and

Jeffrey Saletin and Deborah L. Furness Saletin, 14 Seaview Avenue, Jamestown, RI.

Further, the Prehearing Board shall file a written recommendation to reverse the decision of the Jamestown Water and Sewer Commission denying water extensions and water connections to the four Appellants named herein, with the full Board of Directors of the Water Resources Board at its' meeting on April 23, 2025. At such time the written recommendation of the Prehearing Board will be made available to all interested Parties and the general public.

Ms. Brady made the motion, second by Mr. Houde. She stated that the motion was on the floor for consideration and called for any discussion. Hearing none, Ms. Brady made the motion, second by Mr. Kinzel, to vote on the motion. She called for all those in favor to signify by saying AYE. With all members and the Chair voting in favor, Ms. Brady declared that the vote was unanimous, and the motion passed.

Ms. Brady stated that the next Water Resources Board meeting will take place on April 23 at 9:00 a.m., RI Department of Administration, 2nd Floor, Conference Room C.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: *Kathleen Crawley*