

A meeting of the Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority was held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 8:30 A.M. at the Jamestown Philomenian Library.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 A.M. by Chairman David A. Darlington.

Members Present:

David A. Darlington, Chairman
Richard P. Eannarino, Vice Chairman
Arthur H. Fletcher
Michael P. Lewis, Director DOT

Members Absent

Stephen C. Waluk

Invited Guests:

Buddy Croft, Executive Director
Nancy E. Parrillo, CFO
Peter M. Janaros, Director of Engineering
Marianne Hillier, Director of Operations
Kathryn O'Connor, EZ-Pass Supervisor
Jeannine Bourassa
Bernard J. Jackvony, Legal Counsel

Item No. 2

No public comments were made.

Item No. 3

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2011 meeting.

Item No. 4

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve:

Adler Pollock & Sheehan
Professional Services for the month of July 2011
\$12,733.00

Item No. 5

Motion by Michael P. Lewis, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve:

Pannone, Lopes & Devereaux & West
Professional Services for the month of August 2011
\$ 6,856.50

The Chairman moved Item No. 8 in place of Item No. 6

David A. Darlington discussed the possibility to reinstate a toll on Mt. Hope Bridge that the Authority voted to discontinue in 1998. After a lengthy discussion Mr. Darlington said the Authority would hold public hearings in Bristol and Portsmouth and other communities and do a presentation on the pluses and minuses of such toll. Director Lewis suggested the Authority draft a one page description of its intentions.

Maureen E. Gurghigian, the Authority's Financial Advisor stated, "the Authority faces significant additional borrowing needs to fund critical long-term maintenance requirements as outlined in its ten year renewal and replacement plan." Richard Gobeille of Jacobs Engineering discussed the Pell Bridge tolling prices and its comparison to other bridges in larger cities. Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Michael P. Lewis, passed unanimously to take steps to hold a public hearing with the residents of Portsmouth and Bristol.

Item No. 6

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously to approve the Draft Audited Financial Statements for the year ending June 30, 2011. Stephen W. Geremia, CPA and James J. Cooke, Jr. CPA of LGC&D spoke to the Board regarding audit recommendations.

Item No. 7

The Board discussed Jacobs Engineering Groups' analysis into the potential of implementing Open Road Tolling (ORT) and exploring the possibility of preparing a Request for Proposal internally or through a public private partnership.

Item No. 10 replaced Item No. 9

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve the Road Deck Improvements on the Newport/Pell Bridge.

Item No. 9

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Ammann & Whitney's Mt. Hope Bridge 2011 Underwater Inspection Proposal in the amount not-to-exceed \$87,500.

Item No.11

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Atlantic Control Systems Contract through September 1, 2013 with the potential of a two (2) year extension.

Item No. 12

Motion by Richard P. Eannarino, seconded by Arthur H. Fletcher, passed unanimously to approve Public Hearings Regarding Tolling the Mt. Hope Bridge.

Item No. 13

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve Friends of Ballard Park donation request in the amount of \$1,500.

Item No. 14

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher, seconded by Richard P. Eannarino, passed unanimously in the form of a resolution to approve United Services and Allied Workers Contract 7/1/2011 – 6/30/2014.

Item No. 15

Chairman's Report – Deferred

Item No. 16

Executive Director's Report

8/4	Bldg. Progress Meeting	8/30	RDW
8/4	Mtg. w/staff	8/31	Jim Swanberg
8/9	Senior Staff	9/1	Building
8/10	Bldg. Progress Mtg.	9/6	RI Traffic Tribunal
8/10	Stan Ozalis – Burlington County	9/6	Senior Staff
	Commisson – Here	9/6	Hurricane Debrief
8/10	Paul Muzzey	9/6	RDW
8/10	RDW	9/8	Bldg. Progress Mtg.
8/11	IAG Executive Mtg. – Portland, Maine	9/8	Brian Daniels – Policy
8/16	Park Row	9/8	Tom Coderre – State Senate
8/16	Risk Strategies Re: Bridge Ins.	9/8	John Flynn – Speaker
8/17	Surtreat Product Demonstration	9/12	State Senate
8/17	Bldg. Mtg. w/staff	9/13	RDW
8/18	Senior Staff		<u>Misc.</u>
8/18	RI Traffic Tribunal Re: Unpaid Tolls		
8/18	Director Lewis		• Hurricane Irene
8/30	Staff Mtg.		• Building Renovations
8/30	Jacobs & Staff Re: ORT		

Item No. 17

Finance Report

Nancy Parrillo updated the Board on finance and tolls, traffic and revenue.

Item No. 18.

Engineering Report

Newport/Pell Bridge

- Ten Year Plan Implementation - 2011 Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011
- 09-1 Steel Repairs / Painting - Original Bids opened Feb. 22, 2010 - Per direction of Board Re-Bid April 20, 2010- Awarded May 17, 2010 - Abrasive Blasting and painting - ongoing (21 of 75 units complete) . ASI recovery schedule shows on-time completion
- 08-4 Deck Repairs, Rideability Improvements / Seal Replacements by Aetna. Start in late summer
- Approach Span Inspection Proposal by WSP – Sells this month; Start work in September

- ELUR - ready to close out with DEM: ATC finalizing
- First Responder Training w/ Newport Fire Department complete
- Ramp Project: RIDOT received city endorsement and will proceed
- Studies status - Median Barrier Wind study complete; some structural limitation needs to be studied further for high winds. - Testing in Wind Tunnel complete. Median helps to stabilize structure: Formal Report due this Fall
- West approach pavement; ready for design - Deck evaluation; ongoing
- Administration Bldg. – Approved for award July 13, 2011. Construction Work on-going.

Mt. Hope Bridge

- Ten Year Plan implementation - Ongoing - Plan approved by Board July 13, 2011
- 08-1 Tower Pier Rehab: Project Closeout: Extra cost notification by Contractor denied
- 10-11 Design of North approach Steel Repairs & Painting ongoing – Bid this October
- Modjeski & Masters Proposal for Annual Inspection approved July 13, 2011. Work in October
- Intersection / Drainage upgrade by DOT at Portsmouth end of bridge
- Aetna Bridge 09-7 On Call Maintenance Contract: - Work this year on Deck / Steel Repairs ongoing
- Ammann & Whitney Contract: Transfer of Engineer of record duties ongoing thru August
- Underwater Inspection in October by A&W

Item No. 19

Operations Report

Marianne Hillier reported that there were 212 un-mounted tags for the month of August and 1740 motorists in the E-Zpass lanes with cash. 489 motorists had negative accounts.

Item No. 20

Executive Session

Motion by Arthur H. Fletcher seconded by Richard P. Eannarino passed unanimously to go into Executive Session Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2), Potential Litigation, Litigation, Collective Bargaining – Labor Contract, Pursuant to RI General Laws 42-46-5(a) (3), Security Matters.

Motion by Arthur Fletcher, seconded by Richard Eannarino, passed unanimously, all Board Members present voted aye, to come out of Executive Session at 11:10 A.M. and seal the minutes.

Motion by Arthur Fletcher, seconded by Richard Eannarino, passed unanimously, all Board Members present voted aye, to adjourn the meeting at 11:11 P.M.

Buddy Croft
Secretary

