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Bristol Town Hall, Burnside Building

Meeting called to order at 8:45 AM. Attendees: Joe DePasquale, Walter Burke, Diane Williamson, Andy Shapiro, Bob Palumbo.

The first order of business was to address Attorney Andy Teitz’ proposal to perform legal work for the Consortium and its impact on the overall budget. Concerns were raised with respect to a potential conflict of interest in utilizing the services of Mr. Teitz while he represented three municipalities which are members of the consortium. Walter Burke agreed to contact the RI Ethics Commission for advice. Should the Consortium need to use another attorney for legal work, Walter asked Bob Palumbo if the Arnold Group would draft a scope of work for legal services. Bob agreed and Walter will send him a model of a no bid scope of work to utilize when and if it became necessary to create one. The committee did agree to recommend to the Consortium payment of the recently revised bill by Mr. Teitz for work completed as of September 30th, 2009.

There was also discussion on how best to link the work of the Roger Williams University’s legal interns, the Consortium and ASA. Andy Shapiro stated that he would confirm ASA’s degree of commitment to legal work which may be provided through their grant at the Technical Committee meeting to be held on November 17th.

The next item of business was the discussion of the proposal from the Arnold Group to continue its work for the Consortium from January 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010. Walter Burke asked if the Arnold Group would consider helping the Consortium search for more grant money as part of their proposal. Bob Palumbo agreed. The committee agreed to recommend acceptance of the Arnold Group proposal to the full membership of the Consortium.

There was a general discussion led by Joe DePasquale regarding the need to search for more funding as there was concern about having sufficient funds to address all Consortium needs. Diane Williamson agreed to investigate the possibility of using ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009) funds as well as other funding sources.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.