

**QUONSET DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

January 9, 2006

A meeting of the Governance Committee of the Quonset Development Corporation Board of Directors was held at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, January 9, 2006 at the offices of the Corporation located at 30 Enterprise Drive, North Kingstown, Rhode Island, pursuant to notice to all members of the Governance Committee and a public notice of the meeting as required by the bylaws of the Corporation and applicable Rhode Island law.

The following members constituting a quorum were present and participated throughout the meeting: Kas R. DeCarvalho, Sav Rebecchi and M. Paul Sams. Also present were E. Jerome Batty, Secretary and Joan Ehrhardt and Laurence Ehrhardt, members of the public.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Mr. DeCarvalho.

**2. REVIEW OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Mr. DeCarvalho introduced Christy Hetherington, Special Assistant Attorney General, who provided a review of the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Hetherington distributed materials relating to the Open Meetings Act to members of the Committee and indicated that she had responsibility in the Attorney General's Office for overseeing matters relating to the Opening Meetings Act and access to public records. Her job includes review of complaints relating to the Open Meetings Act. Ms. Hetherington provided a comprehensive overview of the Act and she noted that a "meeting" is a "collective discussion". A social event or event where there is no discussion or action relating to matters before the Board would not constitute a meeting. For example, she noted that a colloquy with legal counsel is not a meeting and an informational session at which information is provided to members of the Board and there is no discussion is not a meeting.

Ms. Hetherington stated that members of the public can tape record an open meeting. She also reviewed the information which must be provided in a notice of a meeting.

Ms. Hetherington responded to questions from members of the Committee.

There being no further business to come before the Governance Committee, upon motion duly made by Mr. Rebecchi and seconded by Mr. Sams, the meeting was adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

By:   
E. Jerome Batty, Secretary