



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

October 1, 2015, 6 PM

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT.

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Walter Williams, Jr.
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Tom Bowen, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator; Steve Carpenteri, East Lyme resident.

Excused: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Fran Violante, Town of Waterford.

Absent: Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for John Jasper, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of September 3, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Dave Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, with a spelling error noted on page 2, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Don Danila reviewed the financial report. Don Landers made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by _____. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: The Niantic River Watershed Committee website will be hosting the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group Data Analysis RFP, so Judy updated the website to add a page for the RFP. Judy will be joining Diane Herr's Waterford High School science class on October 7th to sample Jordan Brook using the Teacher Water Quality Loan Kit. RBV season has begun, and teams are starting to sample Niantic watershed streams. Judy was notified that our Letter of Intent to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut was accepted and we have been invited to submit a full proposal. Additional upcoming grants include EPA's Urban Waters Small Grants program, due November 20th, and the Society of Women Environmental Professionals (SWEP-CT)

which closes November 15th. ECCD has received the informational sign for the Niantic tree filter project. Judy will contact Bill Scheer regarding the installation. Judy attended the most recent Mago Point Redevelopment workshop on September 16th. She had the opportunity to discuss the tree filter component with Wayne Fraser of Waterford's DPW and Mike Payton of CT DEEP Boating Division. Judy also invited Mike Payton to the Groton tree filter project to see how the units are installed. The Town is proposing to include the tree filters in the central parking lot design. A spring 2016 installation is still proposed.

6. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Members noted that the Town of East Lyme is moving forward with a feasibility study for the installation of sewers on Saunders Point.
- b. Watershed Signs: There has been no activity on this item at this time.
- c. Watershed Plan Update proposal for 2015 CWA §319 grant round: Directors support submittal of a proposal for a Plan update when the 319 grant round is announced. The Community Foundation application, if awarded, will be used to fulfill the required match.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila reviewed the September water sampling results. Don noted that the UConn student using the water quality data would like to conduct some additional sampling. Don Landers reported that water samples collected by Don Danila have been sent to UConn for isotopic analysis, which may be able to identify the nitrogen sources.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: This item was previously discussed in the Coordinator's report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: This item was previously discussed in the Coordinator's report.
- d. Audit Committee: The Audit Committee will meet after the beginning of 2016.
- e. Membership Subcommittee: Ruth, Fran and Aaron met this past month. Don Landers suggested that perhaps the three watershed organizations in the area could offer a "group" membership. Ruth informed the Board of the Apple Festival in Salem on Oct. 31, and suggested NRWC set up a table.

8. New Business:

- a. State of the Watershed Conference – Judy included funding for this event as part of the Community Foundation application. If the Plan update funding is approved, this event would be a good opportunity to roll-out the update to stakeholders.

9. Public Comments: None

10. Next meeting: November 5, 2015, at 6 pm, at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

11. Adjourn: Don Danila made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator

