



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

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## **Minutes**

### **Niantic River Watershed Committee**

### **Grants Subcommittee Special Meeting**

**January 21, 2016, 6 pm**

**East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1**

**108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.**

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Feb 1 2016 AT 8:15 AM/PM  
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Attendees: Ralph Bates, Tom Bowen, Don Landers, Ruth Savalle, Eric Thomas, Chris Tomichek, Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator, Mark Nickerson, East Lyme First Selectman.

1. Welcome – The meeting commenced at 6:03 pm.
2. Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan Update Grant Funding Discussion –  
Judy distributed the project outline submitted to the Community Foundation for Committee review. Chris Tomichek noted the time commitment involved in conducting the watershed plan review, workshops and plan updates, and queried whether NRWC wanted to do the work itself or retain a consultant. Discussion followed regarding the potential cost to retain a consultant. Members discussed what the final product of the plan update would be (new plan? addendum?). Members discussed timing of the planned update relative to the open CWA §319 grant round (likely not to be awarded until fall 2016) and a recently awarded RFP by the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group for an analysis of Niantic River water quality data that will be completed in mid-2017. Members discussed balancing and leveraging the recently awarded Community Foundation of Eastern CT grant with a potential CWA §319 grant to cover the cost of retaining a consultant. Members discussed elements that should be included in a §319 proposal, potential project partners and possible workshop topics. Members reviewed options regarding hiring a consultant and determined that the consultant should facilitate the meetings and produce the final document under our guidance. Judy will draft a proposal for the FY 2016 CWA §319 grant round and distribute it to board members for review and comment. The application is due to DEEP on 2/29/16.
3. Thank you letter to Community Foundation – Judy presented a draft letter to the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut for review. Members present approved the draft, which was then signed by Chair Chris Tomichek.
4. Adjourn – The meeting closed at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator