



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
November 3, 2016, 6:00pm
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1
108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

Jan 4 2017 AT 2:35 AM/PM
Karen Gulley, CR
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; Fran Violante, Town of Waterford; and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dave Turner, Town of Montville.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Fran Violante for Dave Turner and Ralph Bates for John Jasper, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of September 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, motion passes. Don Danila abstained as he was not present at the meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Don Danila. Don Landers made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, motion passes. ECCD Coordinator Reimbursement: Ruth Savalle made a motion to reimburse ECCD for project support for July - September 2016 in the amount of \$2,250, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Presented by Judy Rondeau and discussed.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: None.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Don Danila reported that the East Lyme Conservation Commission hosted a talk on organic gardening/lawn care. Don Danila and Don Landers commented on a meeting and hike at the Niantic Headwaters property which was well-attended. Fran Violante reported on a presentation by CT Audubon at a recent Lyme Art Association

meeting regarding dam removal and fish passage restoration

b. Watershed Signs: Nothing to report.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila presented the monthly water quality monitoring report. He also reported that 2016 RBV sampling will be done on November 4, 2016
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Covered under Coordinator's Report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: No new information.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Nothing to report.

9. New Business:

- a. Watershed Plan Update Discussion/Subcommittee Formation: Don Danila made the following motion: *RESOLVED, that Chris Tomichek of the Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc. be and hereby is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc. a Contract with the State of Connecticut to update the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan*, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes. Subsequent to the motion, an RFP Subcommittee was formed. Chris Tomichek, Ralph Bates, Don Landers and Judy Rondeau volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

10. Public Comments: Peter Harris commented that subsequent to the presentation by Holly Drinkuth of The Nature Conservancy at September's meeting, WELSCO contacted Judy Preston, the CT LIS Outreach Coordinator and obtained educational information to be distributed with shellfish permits.

11. Next meeting: December 1, 2016, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: Don Landers made a motion to adjourn at 7:00pm, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle
Secretary