



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

January 5, 2017 6 pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

FILED

Feb 28 2017 AT 9:30 AM/PM
Kevin Galvin, AT
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Dan Mullins, Waterford; and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

Absent: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for Doug Lawson and Rick Kanter for Peter Harris, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of November 3, 2016 and December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve both minutes as presented, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Don Danila. Don Landers made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, motion passes.
 - a. David Turner made a motion to reimburse ECCD for project support for the fourth quarter of 2016, in the amount of \$2,250, seconded by Dan Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
 - b. Don Danila made a motion to authorize payment of the annual business filing fee of \$50.00 to the Secretary of State, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Watershed coordinator Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities for the previous month. The report was accepted as presented.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: DEEP Liaison Eric Thomas reviewed items of interest with Directors, including the upcoming draft Integrated Water Quality Report, discussion with DEEP staff regarding the fisheries survey of Latimer Brook, and recent DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant program awards in the Niantic watershed.

7. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Judy Rondeau, David Turner and Ruth Savalle will hopefully meet with Liz Burdick about Salem and Montville participation in the rain garden program.
- b. Watershed Signs: No activity on this item.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila presented the water quality monitoring report for the December sampling. Don will continue the monthly testing until March of 2017, at which point the Monitoring Subcommittee will transition to episodic sampling at selected sites. After brief discussion regarding an outfall near a sampling site on Walnut Hill Road, David Turner made a motion to install a rain garden at that outfall, utilizing funds from the rain garden initiative not to exceed \$1000, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, motion passes.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Covered under Coordinator's Report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising: Covered under Coordinator's Report.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Nothing to report.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: Judy will finalize the work plan for the RFP and submit it to DEEP for contract preparation.
- f. Audit Committee: Ralph Bates, Don Landers, David Turner and Don Danila will meet over the next few months to review financial records and prepare the audit.

9. New Business:

- a. Discussion regarding the proposed high speed rail service: Discussed links in email. Don Danila will write a letter, to go on the record about the impacts of the proposed relocation of the Rail line North of the I-95 to the Niantic River watershed.
- b. Don Danila noted that the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources will be hosting a potluck on January 13th, and has asked Don to give a very brief presentation of NRWC accomplishments for the last year and proposed future activities. The potluck is open to the public.

10. Public Comments: None.

11. The next meeting: February 2, 2017 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: Don Danila made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 pm, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle
Secretary