



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

June 1, 2017 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

July 10 20 17 AT 12:30 AM/PM
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 Tomicheck, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; and Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville.

Guest: Holly Drinkuth, TNC; Suzanne Thompson, Representative of Save Oswegatchie Hills and Jackie Sullivan, East Lyme resident.

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomicheck called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for John Jasper, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Guest Speaker: Holly Drinkuth, TNC – Update on Niantic River survey. Holly reviewed the preliminary results of the survey. The purpose was to evaluate watershed residents about water awareness in part as it relates to nitrogen, and what residents are willing to do to protect water quality.
4. Partner Update: Susanne Thompson, STR-STH & Save Oswegatchie Hills Coalition activities
 - a. June kids hike in the Oswegatchie Hills
 - b. Water Wednesdays at East Lyme Children's Museum on July 12, 26 and 29.
 - c. August activities and dates to be determined.
5. Review and Approval of May 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Not available, table to next meeting.
6. Treasurer's Report: Presented and reviewed by Don Danila. Ralph Bates made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by David Turner. All in favor with one abstention, the motion passes.
7. Coordinator's Report: Presented by Judy Rondeau and then discussed by Board.

- a. Look into the cost of the Committee purchasing the seed oysters, shells and permits as a NRWSC project. Members will bring additional information for the next meeting.
8. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas emailed his report to Judy, who presented it to the Board for discussion.
9. Old Business:
- a. Town Matters: Nothing to Report
 - b. Watershed Signs: Nothing to Report
 - c. Bi-annual Plan of Work Update: Judy requested that directors rank tasks within each priority and send them to her for compilation.
10. Subcommittee Updates:
- a. Monitoring Group: Covered under Coordinator' Report.
 - 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: Nothing to report.
11. New Business:
- a. Don Danila made a motion to have Judy send a thank you letter to Dominion Foundation for grant money received, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
 - b. East Lyme Day – Judy will coordinate with Don Danila to register for East Lyme Day.
12. Public Comments: Jackie Sullivan, East Lyme resident, asked if we can do anything about jet skiers coming under the bridge and creating a nuisance. She was interested in the work we are doing to protect the watershed.
13. The next meeting July 6, 2017 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT
14. Adjournment: Don Landers made a motion to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle
Secretary