



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

March 2, 2017 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

Apr 6 2017 AT 1:35 AM/PM

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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; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Dan Mullins, Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

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

Absent: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Danila made a **Motion** to seat Ralph Bates for Don Landers and Rick Kanter for Peter Harris, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, **motion passes**.
3. Guest Speakers: Chris Bellucci and Ansel Aarrestad from DEEP presented an informative report regarding the results of recent fish surveys of Latimer Brook and the resulting recommendation for habitat impairment listing, including a Latimer Brook Stressor Map.
4. Review and Approval of January 5, 2017 and February 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes: **Motion** to approve minutes as corrected by Don Danila, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, **motion passes**.
5. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Don Danila. **Motion** to approve as presented by David Turner, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, **motion passes**.
6. Coordinator's Report: Presented by Judy Rondeau and then discussed by Board.
7. DEEP Liaison Report: Presented by Eric Thomas and then discussed by Board. Eric noted that Stony Brook and Latimer Brook have been proposed on the draft 2016 303d list for recreation impairments due to bacteria. He and Judy will follow up regarding the data that led to these recommendations.

8. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Dave Turner and Dan Mullins will try to identify potential locations for rain gardens in Montville.
- b. Watershed Signs: Nothing to Report
- c. Bi-annual Plan of Work Update: **Motion** to table the Plan of Work discussion to the April 6, 2017 meeting by Don Danila, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor **motion passes**.

9. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila presented the monthly water quality monitoring report. Don will be continuing monthly testing until March of 2017. Then the focus will change to the collection of wet weather samples in Latimer Brook.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Covered under Coordinator's Report. It was suggested that NRWC could approach the Town about placing educational watershed information at the town-owned kiosk at Darrow Pond.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising: Covered under Coordinator's Report.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: No report.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: The subcommittee will not meet until the contract has been executed. Eric reported that contract preparation is moving forward.
- f. Audit Committee: Ralph Bates, Don Landers, David Turner met prior to the Board meeting. Don Danila will provide necessary financial records. A summary will be prepared for the April meeting.

10. 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 devastation that would be caused by the relocation of the Rail line North of the I-95. Dave Turner shared information about the CT Wetland Fee In-Lieu Program (an Army Corps program administered by AudubonCT).

11. Public Comments: None.

12. The next meeting: April 6, 2017 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT

13. Adjournment: Ruth Savalle made a **Motion** to adjourn at 7:48pm, seconded by David Turner. **All in favor**, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle  
Secretary