



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

May 4, 2017 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

July 10 20 17 AT 12:30 AM (PM)
Jesse Baldwin
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville.

Absent: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville.

Guest: Jesse Baldwin, GZA Environmental/East Lyme; Dan Mullins, Waterford.

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for Don Danila, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of April 6, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 as presented, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Judy Rondeau presented the Treasurer's report on behalf on Don Danila. Ralph Bates made a motion to approve as presented, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Presented by Judy Rondeau and then discussed by Board.
 - a. As of May 4, 2017, three people have applied for raingarden projects. The applicant from Crescent Beach is not in the watershed but the water drains directly into the Niantic Bay.
 - b. A proposed East Lyme dog park was discussed.
 - c. Members will look into the cost of an oyster restoration project, including the cost for one cage and one to change out the cage for cleaning.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Presented by Eric Thomas, which included the suggestion that we inform the public of how much money has been received from DEEP, and provide a list of completed projects, including plans for the Grant Street storm water filtration and paving by the Town of Niantic.

7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Ralph Bates announced a public information meeting for DOT improvements to Route I-95 and Exit 74. Don Landers reported that harbor masters met with Joe Courtney, who asked for information from the harbor masters for a possible project (cost and benefit) to dredging the Niantic River and Smith Cove, if federal money were to become available.
 - b. Watershed Signs: No activity on this item.
 - c. Bi-annual Plan of Work Update: The Board reviewed the comments, suggestions and changes which Judy will use to update the plan. Don Landers made a motion to realign the main priorities and update the completed task list on the Plan of Work, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, motion passes.
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Judy Rondeau presented Don Danila's water quality monitoring report. Don Landers noted that Millstone will try to coordinate their monthly sampling with our wet weather sampling so we can compare results.
 - 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.
9. New Business:
 - a. ECCD Rain Garden Project ECCD Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for NRWPP Update Project: Place holder for next month
10. Public Comments: Jesse Baldwin commented that the Town of East Lyme received a grant from CIRCA for flood plain regulation development. Members briefly discussed possibilities for an oyster restoration project.
11. The next meeting: June 1, 2017 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT
12. Adjournment: Don Landers made a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle
Secretary