



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.*

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## Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

September 7, 2017 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

DEC 8 2017 AT 3:40 AM/PM  
Maureen Fitzgerald  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; and Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission

Absent: Tom Bowen, Town of Montville.

Guests: Maureen Fitzgerald, Town of Waterford.

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: \_\_\_\_\_ made a Motion to seat Ralph Bates for Don Landers and Rick Kanter for Tom Bowen, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_. All in favor, Motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of August 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes: Dave Turner made a Motion to accept as presented the minutes of the August 3, 2017 meeting, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, Motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented and reviewed by Don Danila. Ralph Bates made a Motion to accept as presented, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, Motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Presented by Judy Rondeau and then discussed by Board.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas reviewed several items of interest including the state water plan. Brief discussion was held regarding the status of the NRWPP update contract.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Town Matters: Dave Turner reported that his term is nearly up and he will work with the Montville Town Council for re-appointment.
  - b. 501c3 Reporting Requirements: Judy contacted Tom Hennick at the Connecticut FOI Commission about reporting requirements. According to Mr. Hennick, we are required to share our annual 990 form.

- c. Watershed Signs: No action on this item.
8. Subcommittee Updates:
- a. Monitoring Group: Included in Coordinator's Report.
  - b. Education/Outreach Group: Included in Coordinator's Report.
  - c. Grant Review/Fundraising: Included in Coordinator's Report.
  - d. Membership Subcommittee: No activity to report.
  - e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: No activity to report
9. New Business:
- a. Niantic Bay Shellfish Farm ACOE application: The board discussed the application. Dave Turner made a motion to submit a letter in support of the application to the US Army Corps of Engineers, seconded by John Jasper. The motion passed 9-0, with one abstention.
  - b. Waterford Historical Society gathering at Jordan Green, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Save the Sound Coastal Clean-ups, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, Cini Park and Rocky Neck
  - d. Niantic Rain Garden Initiative: Judy reported that a Rain Garden Initiative project has been completed and the owners have requested reimbursement. Don Danila made a motion to approve reimbursement for plants and materials up to \$250, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.
10. Public Comments: None.
11. The next meeting: October 5, 2017 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT. Members noted this date was not updated on the agenda.
12. Adjournment: David Turner made a Motion to adjourn at 7:29 pm, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau

Watershed Coordinator