



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

March 1, 2018 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

Apr 17 2018 AT 4:00 AM/PM  
*[Signature]*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

Excused: Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme.

Absent: None.

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 John Jasper, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, **Motion passes**.
3. Review and Approval of February 1, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a **Motion** to accept as amended, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, **Motion passes**.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented and reviewed by Don Danila. **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented by Ralph Bates, seconded by David Turner. All in favor, **Motion passes**.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities for the past month.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas updated the committee on pertinent DEEP activities including the upcoming 2018 Integrated Water Quality Assessment report, statewide NPS management plan, Long Island Sound CCMP update and FY 2018 319 NPS grant program funding.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Town Matters: Ruth Savalle suggested that she and Judy appear at the Salem Selectmen's meeting to recruit one or more directors from Salem. Eric Thomas has offered to assist as well. David Turner talked to Liz Burdick and would like to see a project in Montville and Salem.
  - b. Watershed Signs: No action on this activity, will remove from agenda for time-being.
  - c. Review and Update of By-Laws: There was brief discussion regarding at-large members. Consensus was to keep board representation as it is. Ruth Savalle will check for fire house wording for honorary members, they don't vote but have special courtesy.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: No sampling was conducted since the last report. Don is targeting event-based sampling in April, May or June. Don also noted it is time to retrieve the temperature loggers we installed last summer.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Peter Harris noted that the proposed federal budget cuts funding for the National Sea Grant program. WELSCO sent a letter to legislators urging them to support the program. Peter also discussed the publication of a Sea Grant fertilizer brochure in *The Day* newspaper. WELSCO would like to partner with other commissions/organizations to defray publication costs. Don Danila made a **Motion** to approve the expenditure of \$250 to assist with the publication of the brochure, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, **Motion passes**.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising: Eric Thomas noted that the FY 2018 Clean Water Act 319 NPS program grant round will likely be announced in the next month, with a deadline of early May.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Nothing to Report.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: Activity will begin when the 319 contract is executed.
- f. Audit Committee: Ralph Bates reported that the Audit Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The committee reviewed pertinent Treasurer's Documents. Ralph will prepare a report and present it at the April meeting.

9. New Business:

- a. Niantic River Watershed Plan Update Contract: Eric provided a brief update. All edits have been incorporated into the draft contract and it has been presented to the DEEP business office for completion. Eric will notify Judy and Chris when it is ready for signing.
- b. Non-Discrimination Policy: Judy prepared a draft non-discrimination policy and presented it to the Board for approval. After review, a **Motion** was made by Don Landers to accept the policy as presented, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, the **Motion passes**.

10. Public Comments: None

11. The next meeting April 5, 2018 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT

12. Adjournment: A **Motion** was made by Dave Turner at 7:31 pm to adjourn, seconded by Ralph Bates. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth L. Savalle  
Secretary