



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

July 5, 2018 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

FILED

July 27 2018 AT 9:30 AM/PM

Karen Gulm
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichек, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichек called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for Doug Lawson, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of June 7, 2018 meeting minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Don Danila. Ralph Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities for the past month. Don Danila noted that Judy received the Lesa Meng Aquatic Conservation Award from the American Fisheries Society – Southern New England Chapter at their summer meeting in June. Judy thanked Don for the nomination. Chris Tomichек announced that her application to the Kleinschmidt Foundation for \$10,000 to support the watershed coordinator was approved.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric provided the Board with an update of DEEP-related information, including an update on the Connecticut Water Plan, a stormwater discharge complaint at the Waterford Speed Bowl, a review of the water quality assessment as pertains to Niantic River watershed waterbodies, and the status of the 2018 bi-annual statewide water quality assessment.

7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: No town matters were presented.
 - b. Election of Secretary: Melissa Bezanson offered to fill the Secretary position. Don Landers made a motion to nominate Melissa Bezanson for Secretary, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the motion passes. Thank you, Melissa!
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila provided a review of the spring stormwater sampling
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: This item was reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
 - c. Grant Review/Fundraising: This item was reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
 - d. Membership Subcommittee: This subcommittee is currently inactive.
 - e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: Judy reported that a draft RFP has been prepared by the RFP subcommittee. Following brief discussion, it was decided to add an update to the watershed vulnerability assessment as a separate task to the RFP. Judy will revise the RFP and distribute it to the Board for review and approval at the August meeting. Judy submitted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between NRWC and ECCD for review and approval. The purpose of the MOU is to clarify the roles and responsibilities of each organization relative to activities associated with the two watershed plan update grants. Don Landers made a motion to enter into the MOU as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.
9. New Business:
 - a. ECCD Project Support Reimbursement: Don Landers made a motion to reimburse ECCD for project support services for the period of April- June 2018 from the 2018 Dominion grant, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.
 - b. Latimer Brook Stream Gauge Discussion: Directors held a brief discussion regarding several options presented by the Tim Sargent of the USGS at the June meeting for the establishment of a stream gauge at Latimer Brook.
 - c. Celebrate East Lyme Day – July 21st: Judy and Ralph will attend East Lyme Day this year. Outreach efforts will focus on the Healthy Lawns, Healthy River lawncare behavior change campaign and promoting the Rain Garden Initiative.
10. Public Comments: None.
11. Next meeting: August 2, 2018, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Landers at 7:22pm to adjourn, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator