



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

August 2, 2018 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford. Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator; Maureen Fitzgerald, Town of Waterford (guest).

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford.

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order: Treasurer Don Danila called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Dave Turner made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for John Jasper, seconded by Doug Lawson. All in favor, the motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of July 5, 2018 meeting minutes: Dave Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ralph Bates. 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 Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes. Judy Rondeau reported that with the assistance of the East Lyme School Department and Millstone Environmental Stewardship Team, the rain garden at the East Lyme High School was installed on July 25th, and submitted an invoice from ECCD in the amount of \$5,000 for staff time and materials associated with the rain garden planning and installation. Don Danila made a motion to approve reimbursement to ECCD in the amount of \$5000, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities for the past month. Judy asked the Board to consider nominating Petie Reed and Abby Stokes of the Pine Grove Association Neighborhood Beautification Committee for the Leslie J. Mehrhoff Award for their successful efforts to eradicate Japanese knotweed growing along the shore of Smith Cove. Ralph Bates made a motion to proceed with the nomination, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, the motion passes.

6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric provided the Board with an update of DEEP-related information, including the status of the 2018 Integrated Water Quality Report, 2017 Riffle Bio-assessment by Volunteers report, and several upcoming water quality improvement contracts with ECCD in the Niantic watershed.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Dave Turner stated he will promote the Rain Garden Initiative with the planner and assistant planner in Montville to identify potential locations for rain gardens.
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila commented on the results of the 2017 RBV sampling.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: Judy and Ralph commented on Celebrate East Lyme Day.
 - 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: This item was reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
9. New Business:
 - a. Approval of Niantic River Watershed Plan Update RFP: Judy reviewed the draft RFP with the Board and proposed a potential RFP timeline. Rick Kanter made a motion to approve the RFP with the suggested edits, seconded by Doug Lawson. All in favor, the motion passes.
 - b. Discussion regarding proposed GRE GACRUX LLC. solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 117 Oil Mill Road: Board members discussed the proposed solar facility. Don Danila made a motion that NRWPC should prepare a comment letter to submit to the Connecticut Siting Council, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, the motion passes.
 - c. Rain Garden Initiative inquiries: Judy presented two potential rain garden sites for review.
10. Public Comments: None.
11. Next meeting: September 6, 2018, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT. It was noted that we may need to hold a special meeting in September (Sept. 20th) to select the watershed plan update consultant.
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dave Turner at 8:01pm to adjourn, seconded by David Bliven. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator