



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

September 6, 2018 6:00pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic, CT

FILED

Sept 26 2018 AT 1:40 AM (PM)

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; David Bliven, Town of Montville; 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; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator; Ron Luich, East Lyme Land Trust; Kelly Streich, CT DEEP; Suzanne Thompson, Save the River-Save the Hills (guests).

Excused: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Doug Lawson made a motion to seat Rick Kanter for Don Landers and Ralph Bates for Don Danila, seconded by _____. All in favor, the motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of August 2, 2018 meeting minutes: Ralph Bates made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dave Turner for Don Danila. Ralph Bates made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities for the past month.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Chair Chris Tomichuk reviewed the report emailed by DEEP representative Eric Thomas.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: None
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Dave Turner reviewed the summer sampling report submitted by Don Danila. It was suggested that we consider collecting water samples from Oil Mill and Stony Brooks

prior to the installation of the proposed solar facility. John Jasper distributed and reviewed a handout of an analysis of the past ten years of nitrate data from Latimer Brook. Doug Lawson suggested that John present the information to the Harbor Management Commissions.

- 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 reviewed the time frame for the RFP release and consultant selection. Dave Turner suggested that the RFP Subcommittee review the applications and bring their recommendations to the Board for a full vote.
9. New Business:
- a. Save the River- Save the Hills Niantic River Watershed Workshop: Suzanne Thompson reviewed the agenda for the workshop, which will be held on Sept. 27th at Waterford High School and include a tour of NRWC/ECCD stormwater BMP sites.
 - b. GRE GACRUX LLC. Solar Photovoltaic Electric-Generating Facility, 117 Oil Mill Road: Suzanne noted that Save the River-Save the Hills has registered as an intervenor in the CT Siting Council application review process. She invited NRWC to assist with the application review and preparation of public comments.
10. Public Comments: Ron Luich of the East Lyme Land Trust provided an overview of land trust activities and upcoming land acquisitions, including several parcels in the Niantic River watershed. ELLT is working with the New England Forestry Foundation to identify and acquire land for preservation, with the goal of protecting existing and potential drinking water aquifers. Peter Harris provided an update on the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission Policy Statement on Aquaculture Projects in the Niantic River.
11. Next meeting: October 4, 2018, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Dave Turner at 7:10 pm to adjourn, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator