



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
November 1, 2018, 6 pm
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1
108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

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Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission.

Absent: David Bliven, Town of Montville

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Don Landers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Danila made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for Chris Tomichek, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of October 4, 2018 meeting minutes. Directors reviewed the minutes and offered the following corrections: (i) under DEEP Liaison Report add that E. Thomas forwarded an email to the Board regarding a Scoping Notice for Connecticut National Guard camps in East Lyme; (ii) under Old Business, part a. Town Matters, item (iii) correct spelling of intervenor to intervener; and (iii) under Subcommittee Updates, part a. Monitoring Group, add Aaron Pauley after Ray and Penny Heller. Peter Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Don Danila. Dave Turner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities over the past month.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas, CT DEEP Representative, updated the Board on activities at DEEP over the last month.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Doug Lawson reported on an informational request made by Waterford Harbor Management to the Waterford Shellfish Commission regarding a shellfish permit.

- b. GRE GACRUX LLC. Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility Update: Don Danila reported on the status of the GRE GACRUX LLC application to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC). THE CSC denied the application without prejudice in October. It is likely the application will be resubmitted. If it is, NRWC will have opportunity to submit comment.
- c. NRWPP Update RFP Discussion: The Board discussed the status of the RFP. Discussion included reducing the proposed activities in the RFP to match available funding and seeking additional funding. The RFP subcommittee will meet and review options for discussion at next month's meeting.
- d. Work Plan Update: The Board briefly reviewed the draft work plan. Directors will email Judy their revisions prior to next month's meeting.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila reported that it may be difficult to conduct RBV this year due to high water levels. Don also discussed the possibility of installing temperature loggers upstream and downstream of the proposed solar facility site to document pre-construction water temperatures.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Judy discussed outreach activities in the Coordinator's Report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, Dominion Energy Charitable Foundation and the Environmental Professionals of Connecticut (EPOC) were all suggested as potential funding sources
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Presently inactive. Brief discussion was held regarding the recruitment of members who could assist with activities such as outreach, website maintenance, and other needs. Directors discussed adding a 'join now' button to the website, updating the website homepage, and creating a Facebook page.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: Discussed in item 7.c.

9. New Business:

- a. Rain Garden Initiative: ECCD Reimbursement for Pine Grove Rain Garden plants. Don Danila made a motion to reimburse ECCD for \$250 for the purchase of plants for the Pine Grove rain garden, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.

10. Public Comments: None

11. Next Meeting: December 6, 2018, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 10 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Danila at 7:50 PM to adjourn, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator