



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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

Dec 28 20 18 AT 8:30 AM/PM  
Karen Yulm  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

Excused: Peter Harris, 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 6:00 PM.
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. Don Landers made a motion to seat Rick Kanter for Peter Harris, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of November 1, 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: Don Danila presented the Treasurer's report. Don Landers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Ralph Bates. 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, distributed and reviewed DEEP Water Planning Program Update Notes and a copy of the 12-05-18 CT weekly Agriculture Report. Brief discussion followed regarding the merits of hard versus soft shorelines. Eric also reported that due to a new commitment he will be attending NRWC meetings on a bimonthly basis.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Town Matters: Directors shared an article (published 11/21/18) in *The Day* about John Jasper's acceptance into the Explorers' Club (congratulations, John!). Doug Lawson updated the Board on the status of 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 updated the Board on the status of the GRE GACRUX LLC application to the Connecticut Siting Council (CSC). THE CSC denied the application without prejudice in October, and denied a subsequent petition for reconsideration today.
- c. Work Plan Update: The Board reviewed the draft work plan and discussed consolidating the six goals under three mission-related headings. Judy will revise the work plan and distribute it to Directors for review prior to next month's meeting.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila conducted the fall wet weather sampling on November 9-12, and reviewed the results with the Board. He reported that he was not able to conduct RBV this year due to high water levels. Don requested authorization to sign up for Weatherlink to obtain rainfall information. The Board authorized the expenditure of \$47 for a one-year subscription to WeatherLink by consensus.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Judy discussed outreach activities in the Coordinator's Report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: The Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and the Environmental Professionals' of Connecticut currently have open grants.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Inactive.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: The RFP subcommittee held a conference call on Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee reviewed three options for moving forward with the RFP, and opted to reduce the scope of the RFP to better fit the available funding. The subcommittee proposed a new timeline for the RFP release, review and award, and also discussed the need to extend the current DEEP CWA Section 319 grant contract to meet the new overall project timeline.

9. New Business:

- a. 2019 Meeting Schedule. Directors reviewed the proposed 2019 meeting schedule. Don Landers made a motion to approve the schedule as presented, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.

10. Public Comments: None

11. Next Meeting: January 3, 2019, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 10 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Landers at 7:56 PM to adjourn, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator