



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

### NRWC Board of Directors

January 3, 2019, 6 pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

Attendees: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; 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 Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator; Maureen Fitzgerald, Town of Waterford (guest); Steve Dinsmore, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission (guest).

Excused: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; David Turner, Town of Montville.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Danila made a motion to seat Rick Kanter for Don Landers, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, motion passes
3. Review and Approval of December 6, 2018 meeting minutes. Don Danila made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Don Danila presented the Treasurer's report. John Jasper made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Rick Kanter. 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, was unable to attend. Judy Rondeau shared a brief email report from Eric with the Board. Discussion followed regarding the merits of hard armoring versus maintaining a natural shoreline.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Town Matters: No matters were discussed.

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- b. GRE GACRUX LLC. Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility Update: Don Danila stated there is no new information regarding this application.
- c. Work Plan Update: Judy consolidated the six goals under three mission-related headings. Directors will review prior to next month's meeting.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila will conduct winter wet weather sampling between January and March 2019. Don and John Jasper will each be submitting proposals for presentations at the April 5, 2019 Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Conference at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich. Directors discussed collecting stream temperature data from Stony Brook and Oil Mill Brook upstream and downstream of the proposed solar installation.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Judy updated Directors on the status of the STR-STH Niantic River Watershed education and outreach project. A May 2019 workshop is planned.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Inactive.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: Judy reviewed revisions to the RFP. Don Danila made a motion to approve the modified RFP, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, the motion passes.

9. New Business:

- a. Website renewal: Don Danila informed the Board that the website is up for renewal and requested authorization to renew it for 3 years at a cost of \$508.64. Don Danila made a motion to renew the website for three years, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
- b. Annual Audit: Rick Kanter will contact Audit Subcommittee members to schedule the annual audit.
- c. Election of Officers: All officers indicated they were willing to serve another term. This item will be placed on the February 7, 2019 agenda for action.
- d. ECCD Project Support: Don Danila made a Motion to reimburse ECCD for project support services for the 4th quarter of 2018 (Oct-Dec) in the amount of \$4,875, seconded by Melissa Bezanson. All in favor, the Motion passes.

10. Public Comments: Peter Harris stated that the Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission plans to place an advertisement in *The Day* again this year to raise awareness about the benefits of good lawncare practices on water quality and asked if NRWC will contribute to the cost. Consensus was that NRWC will contribute.

11. Next Meeting: February 7, 2019, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 10 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Don Danila at 7:11 PM to adjourn, seconded by Melissa Bezanson. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator