



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
February 7, 2019, 6 pm
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1
108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; David Bliven, Town of Montville; 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; Serge Arfi, Waterford resident (guest); Lisa Vaudreuil, East Lyme Board of Education/Flanders School (guest).

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chair Don Landers called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: John Jasper made a motion to seat Ralph Bates for Don Danila, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, motion passes
3. Review and Approval of January 3, 2019 meeting minutes: Doug Lawson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Judy Rondeau presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of Don Danila. Dave Turner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities over the past month. Judy also reported that she provided a Letter of Support to the Avalonia Land Conservancy, which has submitted an application to the DEEP Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Program to purchase 669 acres of open space land in the Latimer Brook watershed in Montville, which is consistent with recommendations in the NRWPP.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas, CT DEEP representative, presented an overview of pertinent information from DEEP.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: No matters were discussed.
 - b. GRE GACRUX LLC. Solar Photovoltaic Electric Generating Facility Update: There is no change to the status of this proposal.
 - c. Work Plan Update: Judy will consolidate information received into a draft document for action at the March meeting.

- d. Election of Officers: Tabled to the March meeting.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Judy Rondeau presented the Monitoring Group report on behalf of Don Danila. Don will conduct winter wet weather sampling at the next suitable rain event in the next two months. Judy requested permission to replenish reagents for the Teachers' Water Quality Loan kit, most of which expired in the last year. Directors approved by consensus the purchase of reagents for the kits. Dave Turner has offered to loan sampling equipment to Save the River-Save the Hills for their Niantic River Behavior Change Campaign with watershed high schools. Suzanne Thompson, who is coordinated that project, had asked if NRWC would donate reagents required for that equipment. Directors felt that that use was consistent with our water quality education and outreach mandate and were supportive of providing reagents for the kits.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
- c. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report.
- d. Membership Subcommittee: Inactive.
- e. NRWPP Update/RFP Subcommittee: The RFP was released on January 15th. Four consultants submitted Notices of Intent to submit a proposal. Proposals are due on February 15th.
- f. Audit Subcommittee: Subsequent to last month's meeting, Rick Kanter contacted subcommittee members. The subcommittee will meet to review pertinent records and prepare a report for the Board.

9. New Business:

- a. Lawn Care Advertisement: Peter Harris presented a copy of the lawn care advertisement that will be run in *The Day*. Five commissions/committees have committed to sharing the cost of the full-page advertisement. NRWC agreed by consensus at the January meeting to pay one-fifth of the cost.
- b. Benefits of Shellfish Opinion Piece: Directors reviewed the editorial drafted by Peter Harris and Don Danila with assistance by John Jasper and others, which will be submitted to *The Day* to educate readers regarding the benefits of shellfish to estuarine ecosystems.
- c. HealthyLawnsHealthyRiver.net Domain Registration Renewal: This domain was established as part of the Lawn Care Behavior Change campaign and links directly to a page on the NRWC website. Directors agreed by consensus to maintain this domain and authorized payment for renewal.

10. Public Comments: None

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

12. Adjournment: A motion was made by Peter Harris at 7:44 PM to adjourn, seconded by Doug Lawson. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator