



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
May 2, 2019, 6 pm  
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1  
108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

May 30 20 19 AT 2:10 AM/PM  
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:10 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: No alternates were seated.
3. Review and Approval of April 4, 2019 meeting minutes: Directors reviewed the draft minutes and identified the individual who seconded the motion in item 5. Don Danila made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Don Danila presented the Treasurer's Report. Peter Harris made a motion to accept the 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. Judy is preparing for a number of upcoming outreach activities including EarthFest 2019, a Behavior Change Campaign conference call, the Hole in the Wall Outdoor Stormwater Classroom, and the STR-STH Niantic River Outreach Campaign workshop at East Lyme High School. Judy reported that we have received the contract from Fuss & O'Neil and can begin working on the NRWPP update. Judy prepared a proposal to the Dominion Foundation for project funding for 2019-2020. She is preparing a proposal to the Long Island Futures Fund grant program to expand the Niantic River Lawn Care Behavior Change Pilot Project.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas, CT DEEP representative. Eric reported that the 2018 Draft of the Integrated Water Quality Report will be distributed for review in the near future.
7. Old Business:
  - a. Town Matters: Peter Harris reported that a meeting had been held with the Waterford first selectman, oyster co-operative members and others to discuss what steps would need to be taken to seed the Niantic River with oysters in order to re-establish oyster populations.

- b. NRWPP Update Steering Committee Formation: Melissa Bezanson, Don Danila and Chris Tomichek have volunteered to participate on the NRWPP Update Steering Committee.
8. Subcommittee Updates:
- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila reported that he will be scheduling the spring wet weather sampling in the near future. He reviewed the results of the fall 2018 RBV sampling. The three Niantic River watershed sites scored well. He also commented on the Nitrogen Reduction Community Planning Workshop sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and CUSH he and Judy attended in Mystic on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 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 Steering Committee: Previously discussed.
  - f. Audit Subcommittee: The Audit Committee has completed its work for 2019. This item will be removed.
9. New Business:
- a. DEEP Contract 16-11 Extension: Melissa Bezanson made a motion to authorize Chris Tomichek to sign the contract extension, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
  - b. ECCD NRWPP Update Project Support Reimbursement: Don Danila made a motion to reimburse ECCD in the amount of \$1,725 for the completion of grant activities associated with the CT DEEP contract 16-11, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
10. Public Comments: A Long Island Sound Blue Plan public information meeting will be held at UConn Avery Point Campus on May 14<sup>th</sup>. An additional meeting will be held in Old Saybrook on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
11. Next Meeting: June 6, 2019, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic, CT.
12. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:11 PM by Don Danila, seconded by Melissa Bezanson. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator