



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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

AUG 29 2019 AT 8:20 AM/PM
(Signature)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator, Deb Moshier-Dunn, STR-STH (guest).

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: A motion was made by Don Danila to seat Ralph Bates for Don Landers, seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of July 11, 2019 meeting minutes: Don Danila made a motion to approve the minutes with the following addition to agenda item 10 - Public Comments: "The Board decided not to take any action." The motion was seconded by Peter Harris. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Don Danila presented the Treasurer's Report. Ralph Bates made a motion to accept the 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 and Ralph Bates attended Celebrate East Lyme Day on July 20th; Judy attended an RBV workshop at Sessions Woods Conservation Education Center in Burlington, CT on July 23rd; she has been working with Fuss & O'Neill to revise the workshop invitation letter, update the stakeholder list and stakeholder survey. The NRWPP Update is on schedule. ECCD has selected a contractor for the East Lyme High School infiltration project and work on the project has begun.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: The CT DEEP representative was not present.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: An appendix to the Waterford Harbor Management Plan related to commercial shellfishing in the Niantic River has been denied by CT DEEP.

8. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila will collect the summer wet weather sample at the next suitable rainfall. The Board discussed deploying temperature loggers and turbidity meters downstream of the proposed solar facility in Waterford.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: This was reviewed in the coordinator's report.
- c. NRWPP Update-Steering Committee: The Board discussed the scheduling and locations of two watershed workshops.

9. New Business:

- a. Niantic River Bacteria Sampling: Deb Moshier-Dunn discussed bacteria sampling in the Niantic River by Save the River-Save the Hills (STR-STH). STR-STH has purchased equipment to process samples. Dr. Jamie Vaudrey from UConn has been assisting with sample collection. STR-STH is discussing with Waterford and East Lyme how to best share the data that is being collected with the general public.

10. Public Comments: None

11. Next Meeting: September 5, 2019, 6 PM, East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave. Niantic, CT.

12. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:03 PM by Don Danila, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator