



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

July 11, 2019, 6 pm

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

Aug 29 2019 AT 8:20 AM PM
Karen Yellin
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; David Bliven, Town of Montville; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Chair Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: No alternates were seated.
3. Review and Approval of June 6, 2019 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 report as presented, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed her activities over the past month. Judy participated in a Behavior Change Campaign conference call, registered for Celebrate East Lyme Day (July 20th), and provided outreach material to Don Landers for the Niantic Bay Sailing Academy Go Green Educational Cocktail Night. Judy had a conference call with Fuss & O'Neill staff; the NRWPP Update is on schedule. ECCD solicited bids for the East Lyme High School infiltration project and will be selecting a contractor soon.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: The CT DEEP representative is on vacation.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Don Landers reported that the East Lyme Harbor Management Plan review is progressing. Approval is anticipated by the end of the summer. Don Danila commented that East Lyme is in the process of updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. No reference is made to the NRWPP. Directors are urged to review and comment on the Plan.

8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Don Danila briefly reviewed the results of the spring wet weather sampling.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: This was reviewed in the coordinator's report.
 - c. NRWPP Update Steering Committee: Judy Rondeau participated in a conference call with Fuss & O'Neill staff. F&O have prepared a draft stakeholder invitation letter and participant survey, and updated a stakeholder list provided by NRWC. Discussion included how to structure and schedule the two stakeholder workshops, including whether to hold two same-day workshops at different (north and south) locations, two same-day workshops at the same more centralized location, or two different-day north and south workshops. Judy will follow up with DEEP for guidance.
9. New Business:
 - a. Celebrate East Lyme Day: Ralph Bates will assist Judy at the booth. Outreach will focus on existing programs: the rain garden initiative, septic system care, lawncare behavior change, water quality improvement projects, and shellfish outreach.
 - b. ECCD Project Support Reimbursement: Don Landers made a motion to reimburse ECCD for project support for the second quarter of 2019 (April-June), including quarterly installment 1 of 6 for the NRWPP update, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the motion passes.
 - c. Fuss & O'Neill NRWPP Update Reimbursement: Melissa Bezanson made a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay the invoice dated June 11, 2019 from Fuss & O'Neill for services associated with the NRWPP update, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, the motion passes.
 - d. Coordinator Expenses Reimbursement: Don Danila made a motion to reimburse the coordinator for expenses incurred by Committee business, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, the motion passes.
10. Public Comments: The Board discussed a request for comment regarding the paving of a driveway in a new development on Shawandasse Road in Waterford. The Board decided not to take any action on this matter.
11. Next Meeting: August 1, 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 Landers, seconded by Melissa Bezanson. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator