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Nov 5 2020 AT 2:45 AM/PM
Wm. M. Mullen
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
October 1, 2020, 6 pm
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Susan Gonzalez (Town of East Lyme), Doug Lawson, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Eric Kanter (Waterford-EL Shellfish Commission), Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission,
Excused: David Bliven, Town of Montville; Maureen Fitzgerald (Town of Waterford), Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

Absent: None

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** Don Landers motioned to sit, to seat Ralph Bates for Salem, second by Don Danila, All in favor, motioned passed.
3. **Review and Approval of September 3, 2020 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve, by Dave Turner, and seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's Report. Don Landers made a motion to accept the report as presented, , second by D. Turner L. All in favor, the motion passes.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** Judy Rondeau reviewed the coordinators report. No additional items were identified by the Committee.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** Eric Thomas emailed Judy notifying her that the RBV data have been loaded to water quality website.
7. **Old Business:** no old business.
8. **Town Matters:**
 - Deborah in Pine Grove has floating docks to donate to organization – STR is interested (pass the word).
 - Dave Bliven will be resigning from commission. Need replacement for Montville. Letter of resignation needs to be sent to Mayor.
 - Don Danilla provided an update on the solar project in EL, specifically the hearing on 9/24/20: draft findings are due for release Oct 9th, but extended to Nov. 24th.
 - Oswegatchie Hills Development Project- Waterford is appending Section 32 of EL zoning regs. STR opposes this development. The development model for the property is similar to the Gateway Project (Costco).
 - EL Shellfish Commission / Wesco update from Pete Harris: EL not wanting to fund pump out boat, so the Commission has asked STR to ask EL to restore funding for project. Wellsco feels that shellfish policies were changed because of Harbor Management and EL expects Wellsco pay the associated cost. Deb Dun inquired Who will chair this effort? Wellsco would match Town contribution. Pete and Deb to coordinate special meeting.
9. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - Monitoring Group: D Committee met prior to meeting. Don figured out a way to calculate flow for months when USGS gauge is not in service. Don participated in a



water quality data workshop with Jaime Vaudry. Don attending nitrogen workgroup. RBV sampling period is this month – DEEP will not be providing training sessions, therefore participants must have participated in the past, social distancing, other difficult consideration is draught – may be skipping if conditions do not improve.

- Education/Outreach Group: nothing from Judy / others: just Facebook updates.
- *NRWPP Update Steering Committee*: Waiting for compact to be finalized – currently under review with the Waterford Attorney. Summit planning is also on hold in consideration of the Pandemic.

10. New Business:

- ECCD Funding – last payment. Last of the funds will be to cover the cost of the payment – Don L. made motion to pay ECCD Invoice, second by D. Turner, motion passed unanimously.
- Out of funds to pay Judy for routine task until Dominion Grant award, which is not anticipated until Q1 2021.
- EL Plan of Conserv. And Development (POCD) – Judy solicited NRWC members to review / comment. Judy reviewed and made notes – Harbor Mgmt made references to new plan and incorporated it – included aquiculture as well. Open space committee did nice job of referencing watershed plan. Comments are due November 10 (prior to P+Z hearing). Don Danila volunteered to collate comments. Committee members are to have comments to Don prior to next meeting on Nov. 5.
- USGS Seminar - Study to track movement of nitrogen in GW – We have been invited by DEEP to sit in on presentation by USGS on the matter to see what the results are. Combined Nitrogen workgroup and NRWC committee to participate. Judy to send out doodle poll for dates

11. Public Comments:

- Thanks to Don from Deb regarding the diligence and effort following the Solar Project and advocating for the environment.
- Don will send out the brief on Solar Project hearing for Committee review.

12. **Next Meeting:** Nov 5 2020, 6 PM, via Zoom.

13. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 6:57PM by Turn, seconded by Bates. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Bezanson
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative