



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
December 3, 2020, 6 pm
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Jan 7 20 21 AT 2:55 AM/PM
(Signature)
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Deb Moshier-Dunn (guest); Judy Rondeau, watershed coordinator.

Excused: Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Eric Kanter, Waterford-EL Shellfish Commission; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission.

Absent: None.

1. Call to Order: Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:06 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers motioned to sit Ralph Bates for Salem, second by D. Turner. All in favor, motioned passed.
3. Review and Approval of October 1 and November 5, 2020 meeting minutes: Motion to approve October 1, 2020 meeting minutes by Ralph Bates and seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passed. Motion to approve November 5, 2020 meeting minutes by Don Danila, second by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, second by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed the Coordinator's report.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas – 319 grant deadline is mid-January. Eric shared recent items of interest related to stormwater issues in East Lyme.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters:
 - R. Bates shared that the EL POCD Plan was approved.
 - EL zoning meeting tonight – affordable housing development will be voted on.
 - R. Bates attended Bride Brook Road development project
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: Don D. has been collecting gauge data at Latimer Brook from recent heavy rain events. Discussed future monitoring activities related to the Waterford solar project on Oil Mill and Stony Brooks.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: Discussed under Coordinator's Report.

- c. NRWPP Update Steering Committee: Plan complete pending approval of the compact. E. Thomas suggested that separate hardcopies be provided to each town for signatures independently to expedite process.
9. New Business:
 - a. Review and Approval of the 2021 Meeting Schedule: D. Landers motioned to accept schedule as proposed, seconded by R. Bates. All in favor, motion passed.
 - b. NRW Work Plan: Time to update NRW work plan. Group to review in advance of next meeting. Reprioritize main categories and prioritize actions during January 2021 meeting.
 10. Public Comments:
 - Deb Moshier-Dunn shared a new initiative in progress by Waterford resident Mike O'Connor which is a Kayak map / awareness project to reduce damage to wetlands / salt marsh/ riparian zones by kayakers dragging boats through areas to launch. Map depicts appropriate launch areas.
 - D. Moshier-Dunn also discussed pump out boat issues and the associated program in EL.
 11. Next Meeting: January 7, 2021, 6 PM, via Zoom Online Conferencing
 12. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:04 PM by D. Landers, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Bezanson
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative