



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
January 7, 2020, 6 pm
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Feb 3 2021 AT 1:20 AM/PM
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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 Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; David Turner, Town of Montville; Eric Kanter, Waterford-EL Shellfish Commission; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

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

1. Call to Order: Chair C. Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. Seating of Alternates: D. Danila motioned to sit Ralph Bates for P. Harris, second by D. Landers. All in favor, motioned passed. D. Danila motioned to seat Rick Kanter for the vacant Salem position, seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
3. Review and Approval of December 3, 2020 meeting minutes: R. Bates noted that the third bullet, "R. Bates attended Bride Brook Road development project" was incorrect. D. Danila stated he attended the meeting. D. Landers made a motion to approve December meeting minutes as corrected to read "D. Danila attended Bride Brook Road development project" meeting, seconded by R. Kanter. All in favor, motion passed.
4. Treasurer's Report: D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasures Report as presented, second by D. Turner. All in favor, the motion passed.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed the Coordinator's report. Judy researched costs associated with producing hardcopies of NRWC Plan Update. The lowest cost was approximately \$800 for printing five copies of the Plan Update. D. Landers made a motion to proceed with production, seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
6. DEEP Liaison Report: Eric Thomas provided an update on DEEP activities. The CWA 319 Nonpoint Source Grant round is currently open and closes Jan. 14th. Stormwater Quality Manual update is in progress and DEEP is currently soliciting for a consultant. A webinar for public comment is targeted in June 2021. Eric suggested that the NRWC develop a liaison with the NLC Planning Department to keep apprised of watershed plan development (grant award). Eric then further elaborated on additional stormwater issues in the local community and additional opportunities for collaboration.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: The signing of the watershed compact is still stalled out. The compact is currently at the Town of Waterford. D. Landers suggested that we focus on having the Plan Update printed and distributed, and perhaps have a compact signing at the Watershed Summit.

8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. Monitoring Group: D. Danila and S. Gonzalez deployed temperature monitors in Stony Brook / Oil Mill Brook to initiate monitoring prior to commencement of construction activities for Waterford Solar Project. D. Danila also reviewed other monitoring activities in other areas.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: No activity due to COVID-19.
 - c. NRWPP Update Steering Committee: Update is complete, will be converted to "Summit Committee".
 - d. Audit Subcommittee: To be re-established for 2021 audit to convene in February (R. Bates, R. Kanter, D. Turner, D. Landers, D. Danila, treasurer).
9. New Business:
 - a. Review and Approval of the 2021 -2022 Work Plan: NRWC reviewed the existing workplan, reorganized priorities and added new actions. The revised version will be reviewed and accepted during February meeting.
 - b. Approval of ECCD invoice – coordinator services for LISFF CBSM project: Invoice from ECCD (\$3,080) for coordinator services for the LISFF Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM campaign was reviewed and will be paid upon receipt of payment from NFWF. D. Landers motioned to approve payment of the ECCD invoice once funds are received from NFWF, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
10. Public Comments: None.
11. Next Meeting: February 4, 2021, 6 PM, via Zoom.
12. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn at 7:49 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