



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

July 1, 2021, 6 pm

Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Aug 4 2021 AT 1:40 AM/PM

*[Signature]*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Judy Rondeau, NRWC Coordinator; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Donald Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Maurine Fitzgerald, Waterford Town P+Z (guest); Karen Bishop, Town of Waterford.

Excused: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; David Turner, Town of Montville; Eric Kanter, Waterford-EL Shellfish Commission; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme.

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers motioned to sit Ralph Bates for the vacant Salem seat, and K. Bishop in East Lyme Seat for D. Danila, second by P. Harris, all in favor, motioned passed.
3. **Review and Approval of June 2021 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve June Meeting minutes by P. Harris, seconded by Don Landers, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** S. Gonzalez presented treasure's report prepared by D. Danila. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, second by P. Harris, motion passed.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** Judy Rondeau reviewed the coordinators report. Judy shared that campaigning for Healthy Lawns outreach initiative was not allowed in East Lyme due to Covid-19 restriction. Pete Harris indicated that he would attend the next Town of E.L. meeting to lobby for permission to conduct outreach on behalf of NRWC.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas shared Open Space Grant Award Selections. Encouraged NRWC to identify community partners to support acquisition of open space (e.g., Avalonia Land Conservancy).
7. **Old Business:**
  - Town Matters:**
    - M. Fitzgerald provided an update on the Waterford Solar Project.
  - Subcommittee Updates:**
    - Monitoring Group: Provided updated on sampling activities and data loggers.
    - Education/Outreach Group: Discussed in Coordinator's Report.
    - NRWPP Summit Committee: No updates.
8. **New Business:**
  - Invoice from ECCD for Coordinator services from April through June 2021 for (\$2,500), and Healthy Lawns / Healthy Rivers Outreach Support (\$2,674), total invoice \$5,275.92. K. Bishop moved to approve payment of ECCD invoice, seconded by D. Landers, motion passed.
  - August meeting will be conducted by Zoom.
9. **Public Comments:**
  - none
10. **Next Meeting:** August 5, 2021, 6 PM, via Zoom.



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**11. Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 6:49 PM by D. Landers, seconded by K. Bishop. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa Bezanson".

Melissa Bezanson  
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative