



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
September 2, 2021, 6 pm  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

OCT 7 2021 AT 3:37 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; Karen Bishop, Town of Waterford; Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission.

Excused: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; David Turner, Town of Montville.

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 R. Kanter for P. Harris, R. Bates for D. Turner, and K. Bishop for the vacant Salem seat, second by D. Danila, all in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of August 5, 2021 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve August Meeting minutes by D. Landers, seconded by D. Danila. R. Bates abstained because he was not present for August meeting. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, second by S. Gonzalez, all in favor, motion passed.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** Judy Rondeau reviewed the coordinators report. Earthfest sponsored by STR-STH in September has been cancelled due to Covid-19.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas provided update on DEEP grant opportunities and outlook for 2022.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Town Matters:** Dispute related to Niantic River municipal boundary between Waterford and East Lyme has been resolved.
8. **Subcommittee Updates:**
  - a. **Monitoring Group:** Summer quarterly sampling was performed during TS Ida. Evaluating RBV sampling event feasibility. K. Bishop volunteered to assist.
  - b. **Education/Outreach Group:** Discussed in Coordinator's Report.
  - c. **NRWPP Summit Committee:** No updates.
9. **New Business:**
  - Preparation of Dominion Grant Proposal – Committee members agreed to brainstorm ideas via email throughout September.
  - D. Danila requested permission to buy reagents for nitrate sample processing. D. Landers motioned to approve the expense, second by C. Tomichek. All in favor, motion passed.

10. **Public Comments:** None

11. **Next Meeting:** October 7, 2021, 6 PM, via Zoom Online Conferencing  
(Monitoring Group will meet at 5 pm)

12. **Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn at 6:59 PM by D. Landers, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Melissa Bezanson  
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative

**Minutes of ABA Board Meeting  
October 2, 2021, 9:00 am  
ABA Lot**

**Present:** Guy Schiller, Jay Gionet,, Suzanne McAuliffe, Pete Kelly, Susan Worboys, John Bernier, Steve Burke, Nathalie Casey, Deb Douton and Gary Larson.

**Attended Via Zoom:** Don Bridge Kathy Johnson and Kyle Douton

**Absent:** Ray Luzi, Bill Mahoney

**Call to order at 9:00 a.m. by President Guy Schiller**

**New Delegation Comments:**

Lisa Trombly would like to recommend that any homes that come up for sale in the future that we (and I would volunteer to get you the agent contact info) tell agents that bylaws and rules and regulations be part of the sales package and use a receipt for buyer to acknowledge receiving, and a section to sign that states they have reviewed and accepted them. Just a recommendation

**Presidents Report:** Guy Schiller

Guy wanted to move on to the important topics of the day. the Memorial presentation and Badge discussion.

**Action: Guy will be contacting local Real Estate Agents to remind them that ABA is private and enclose a land map of the association boundaries. The same map will be posted by Jay in a strategic area TBD.**

**Secretary's Report:** Suzanne McAuliffe

Susan Worboys motion to accept the September 18, 2021 minutes and it was seconded by Steve Burke and approved. Nathalie Casey abstained as she was not present at the last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Mahoney reported via email:

"Regarding the financials: not much has taken place during the past two weeks. We paid an invoice for Ace Security for Labor Day coverage. In addition we paid for beach cleanings for the month of August. "

Jay Gionet motioned to accept the Treasures Report, it was seconded by Susan Worboys and unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports:**

**Beach Operations & Property Maintenance:** Jay Gionet & Gary Larson

**Jetty Project Update**

Jay reported that the Jetty Project is complete and came in under budget. We are waiting for the DEP As Built drawings before closing the project and paying the final bill to DOCKO. At the Annual Meeting in June 2022, the Board will deliver recommendations for dispersing the surplus. Options being considered are, reduce annual fees, or replenish Reserves.

**Columbus Day Weekend Clean-Up**

Please join us on Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 to support our Fall Cleanup. Please bring gloves and tools to help rake and trim small brush. Many hands make the work easy!

**ABA Apparel:** Susan Worboys

Sportees will mail out orders for anyone who has left Attawan for the year. Please notify Lynn Kiah if that is the case. [lzkiah@aol.com](mailto:lzkiah@aol.com)

**Beach Badges:** Susan Worboys and Pete Kelly

Sue brought samples of lanyards with printed information enclosed. The data printed on the lanyard would be updated/replaced each year with a unique number and owner information. The lanyards are very affordable and the printed enclosure gives us tons of flexibility to amend as needed. The lanyard should not be worn around your neck. It can be looped around your beach chair or beach bag handle. A safety pin will also be a part of the lanyard for pinning on a hat or beach towel. Cost for lanyards is \$88.

Suzanne McAuliffe motioned to approve the purchase of the lanyards and it was seconded by Don Bridge and unanimously approved.

**Memorial Committee:** Nathalie Casey & Deb Douton

Nathalie Casey & Deb Douton had samples of stones and presented their findings.

**Step 1: Memorial Walk Pricing**

Stone:

1. Option 1: Granite pavers (dimensions 6x12x2 @ \$37 a paver-sample to show)
2. Option 2: Granite bricks (not available right now/Crescent-photo to show)
3. Roughly 140 bricks needed but it would be wise to purchase extra bricks to be prepared in case of damage (hurricane) - (170 for \$6290.00)

Engraving:

Buzzi Memorials: \$90.00 per stone (sample to show)

Labor involving the placement of the stones at the pier entrance: \$1200.00 (maybe this cost can be taken over by association)

We want 2 estimates but we only have one so far. Hard to get companies to come out.

Price for member: cost of brick + engraving = +/- \$130 (if cost of installation is carried by ABA)

The Board will make their recommendations at the Annual meeting in June 2022.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Prepared by

Suzanne McAuliffe, ABA Secretary