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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

December 2, 2021, 6 pm

Hybrid Meeting – East Lyme Town Hall (in-person) and Via Zoom Video Conferencing

Attendees: Dan Mullins, Interim 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, Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme (alternate), Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (alternate), Jaime Vaudry, University of Connecticut (guest), Deb Moshier Dunn, STR-STH (guest)

Excused: none

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers moved to sit Rick Kanter in vacant Salem seat and Ralph Bates in vacant Montville seat, second by D. Danila, all in favor, motioned passed.
3. **Review and Approval of October 2021 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve October Meeting minutes by D. Danila, seconded by D. Landers, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented Treasurer's report. D. Landers moved to approve Treasurer's Report, second by S. Gonzalez, motion passed.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** D. Mullins reviewed the Coordinator's Report and summarized the month's activities.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas shared that the NRWC Watershed Plan Update was submitted to the EPA to satisfy the annual review request. Review the DEEP Coordinator's report for additional items discussed.
7. **Old Business:**
 - Town Matters:**
 - Discussed Noble Gas Station proposal on property adjacent to Interstate 95 and Boston Post Road near Latimer Brook and the Niantic River.
 - New First Selectman Kevin Seery was elected in East Lyme, D. Danila, D. Landers, and C. Tomichek to schedule a meeting and provide a copy of NRWC Watershed Work Plan Update and request feedback upon review.
 - Subcommittee Updates:**
 - Monitoring Group: Q4 precipitation monitoring still needs to be completed. Discussed the need to retrieve data from transducers deployed near Waterford solar site. STR-STH offered the use of fecal analyzer to assist NRWC with the initiation of sampling of river outfalls for fecal bacteria with the condition that NRWC purchase their own reagents.
 - Education/Outreach Group: Discussed in Coordinator's Report.
 - NRWPP Summit Committee: on hold due to pandemic.
8. **New Business:**
 - Dominion Grant Award: D. Mullins and C. Tomichek to draft/send thank-you letter.



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- Watershed Report Card: J. Vaudry to complete. D. Mullins to send grant application associated with report card to J. Vaudry.

9. Public Comments:

- D. Moshier-Dunn reported that STR-STH was awarded funding to purchase pump out boat. STR-STH is also planning to hire an intern to assist with tracking of municipal activities to stay current with active inlands/wetlands zoning applications so that pro-active participation is provided instead of reactive.

10. Next Meeting: January 6, 2022, 6 PM, at Niantic Town Hall, and via Zoom.

11. Adjournment: A motion was made to adjourn by D. Landers, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Bezanson".

Melissa Bezanson
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative