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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

November 4, 2021, 6 pm

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 Tomichuk, 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, Jaime Vaudry

Excused: Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville, Karen Bishop, Town of Waterford

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers moved to sit Ralph Bates vacant Salem seat, second by D. Danila, all in favor, motioned passed.
3. **Introduction of Jaime Vaudry to the NRWC.** Discussed contract arrangement with ECCD. ECCD would continue fiscal management associated with retaining NRWC Coordinator. As NRWC Coordinator, J. Vaudry would seek and apply for grants for specific projects. Initial funding for coordinator position would be sourced from DEEP 319 grant. D. Mullins to forward Judy's transition document and watershed plan and bylaws.
4. **Review and Approval of October 2021 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve October Meeting minutes by D. Danila, seconded by D. Landers, motion passed.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented Treasurer's report. D. Landers moved to approve Treasurer's Report, second by P. Harris, motion passed.
6. **NRWC Coordinator:** NRWC Coordinator report prepared by Judy Rondeau was presented by D. Mullins.
7. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas shared that the DEEP Water Quality Review is in progress, and the associated report should be available for review in early 2022.
8. **Old Business:**

Town Matters:

- Discussed Noble Gas Station proposal on property adjacent to Interstate 95 and Niantic River.
- Discussion of new gas station under construction proximal to the intersection of Rte 85 and 161.
- New First Selectman Kevin Seery was elected in East Lyme, D. Danila, D. Landers, and C. Tomichuk to schedule a meeting and provide a copy of NRWC Watershed Work Plan Update and request feedback upon review.

Subcommittee Updates:

- Monitoring Group: Precipitation report has been submitted. RBV sampling was successfully completed. This, the the last quarter of precipitation monitoring (5 year duration) still needs to be completed. A large woody blockage was noted behind Tritown IGA that could obstruct Latimer Brook flow and cause flooding. Dam was reported to the Town of East Lyme and CT DEEP Fisheries. The town could not do



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any work in the area, but DEEP will monitor the situation with regard to the alewife run.

- Education/Outreach Group: Discussed in Coordinator's Report.
- NRWPP Summit Committee: Summit tentatively planned for Spring 2022.

9. New Business:

- Review of 2022 Meeting schedule: D. Landers moved to approve the meeting schedule as proposed, seconded by D. Danila, all in favor, motion passed.
- Candidate for NRWC Coordinator, Jaime Vaudry – D. Landers moved to approve Jaime Vaudry as new NRWC Coordinator, second by D. Danila, all in favor, motion passed.
- Review and approval of final invoice associated with Judy Rondeau NRWC Coordinator expense: D. Danila moved to approve the invoice, second by D. Landers, all in favor, motion passed.

10. Public Comments:

- none

11. Next Meeting: December 2, 2021, 6 PM, at Niantic Town Hall, and via Zoom.

12. 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 cursive script, appearing to read "Melissa B.", is written in black ink.

Melissa Bezanson
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative