



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
February 3, 2022, 6 pm  
Via Zoom Video Conferencing

March 3 2022 AT 9:30 AM/PM  
(Signature)  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Donald Danila, Town of East Lyme; Jamie Vaudry, University of Connecticut (guest); Rick Kanter, Alternate, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dave Turner, Town of Montville, Karen Bishop, alternate, Town of Waterford

Excused: Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP

1. **Call to Order:** Chair C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Danila motioned to seat Rick Kanter for the vacant Town of Salem position, seconded by D. Landers, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of January 2022 meeting minutes:** Motion to approve January meeting minutes by D. Danila, seconded by D. Landers, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented Treasurer's report. D. Danila indicated that IRS reporting fees are typically due in February and will check status with CT Secretary of State. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. Turner, motion passed.
5. **NRWC Coordinator:** D. Mullins reviewed the Coordinator's Report and summarized the month's activities. Pending approval of DEEP funding and subcontract arrangements, J. Vaudry will transition with support from D. Mullins into the new NRWC Coordinator role in March 2022.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** No CT DEEP Report, E. Thomas absent.
7. **Old Business:**
  - Town Matters:**
    - Alternates needed for East Lyme despite solicitation from potential candidates. D. Danila volunteered to place advertisements in non-subscription local papers (e.g. The Lyme Times)
    - Pump Out Boat Funding – Waterford vote occurring week of Feb. 7
  - Subcommittee Updates:**
    - Monitoring Group: Report on water temperature monitoring in progress.
    - Education/Outreach Group: Discussed in Coordinator's Report.
    - NRWPP Summit Committee: on hold due to pandemic.
    - Audit Subcommittee: D. Landers reviewed Audit Report, no issues were identified, and congratulated D. Danila on an excellent job. R. Kanter motioned to approve Audit Report as submitted, second by P. Harris, motion passed.
8. **New Business:**
  - 2011 EPOC Grant Use: \$462.22 balance remaining associated with the grant proposal to provide educational water quality kits in schools. D. Danila suggested we solicit offer to teachers within the watershed for interest to use funds. He will send letters to the middle and high schools in the watershed area.



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- Healthy Lawns Campaign: P. Harris indicated that now is the time to initiate campaign with spring weather imminent and suggested that the NRWC review previous materials and refresh content. Sea Grant would want to review if content is significantly modified.

## **9. Public Comments:**

- None

**10. Next Meeting:** March 3, 2022, 6 PM 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 6:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Melissa Bezanson  
NRWC Secretary, Town of Salem Representative