



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

August 4, 2022, 6 pm

Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Attendees: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem, Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate); Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission

Excused: Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Karen Bishop, Town of Waterford (alternate); Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (alternate)

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers motioned to seat A. Cabaniss for the Town of Montville, second by P. Harris. All in favor, motion was approved.
3. **Review and Approval of June July 2022 meeting minutes:** D. Danila motioned to approve both sets of meeting minutes, pending typo correction in July minutes, seconded by P. Harris, all in favor, motion was approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve report as read, seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion was approved.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the coordinator's report. Jamie's contract was executed, thereby formalizing her as the NRWC Coordinator.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas sent report by e-mail. D. Landers reported the highlights.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Town Matters: Save the River Save the Hills Kayak Regatta is on August 13th. K. Bishop is moving out of Waterford, so will no longer be able to represent the Town of Waterford on the Committee, however she will still be participating in the group as a member.
8. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. Monitoring Group: A draft report of the 2021 RBV report was sent out by Meghan Lally of CT DEEP for review by participants. A final report should be issued soon. The three locations sampled within the Niantic River Watershed did not produce very good results largely due to the drought conditions. Don D. and Karen were hoping to assist DEEP electrofishing activities for sites located on Oil Mill and Stony Brooks in Waterford, however they have not received a response from DEEP on schedule. The 10-Year Monitoring Report is still in progress. Additionally, the Tidbits have not yet been retrieved due to schedule conflicts.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: See Coordinator's Report.



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- c. NRWPP Update Summit Committee: Planning on hold due to Covid.

9. **New Business:** Dominion Grant Application window opens Aug 1 2022, due end of September. Additionally DEEP 319 Grant Application window is also open. Ideas for both grants discussed during the meeting include:
 - a. Lawn fertilizer workshop
 - b. Septic System Rebate
 - c. Member / volunteer outreach initiatives within the communities of E. Lyme, Waterford, Salem, and Montville
 - d. Purchase of Enviroscope Models to facilitate educational programs
 - e. Website updates
 - f. Oyster Educations

10. **Public Comments:** None.
11. **Next meeting:** September 1, 2022, 6 PM, via Zoom.
12. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 7:17 PM, seconded by P. Harris. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bezanson
Town of Salem