



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

<https://www.nianticriverwatershed.org/>

Agenda

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

December 1, 2022, 6 pm

Virtual via ZOOM Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83425062674?pwd=eDluRFRwUXcxTlhHNDBsRlR0blRwdz09>

Join by phone: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 834 2506 2674

Passcode: 901891

1. Call to Order
2. Seating of Alternates
3. Review and Approval of November 3, 2022 meeting minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Coordinator's Report
 - a. Plan of Work for 2023-2024. Review of how this is developed.
 - b. Dates for the 2023 meetings (see end). I sent the list and a request for the room to East Lyme and will establish the Zoom links.
 - c. Update on report card effort.
 - d. Update on bacteria sampling.
 - e. Photovoice - <https://www.wellsreserve.org/event/14860/photovoice-exhibition-opening-reception> (flyer); <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNLoxO9UYBk> (11 min, on project)
 - i. Purpose: Identify what the committee is most interested in, in terms of our watershed and estuary. Results could inform stories included in the report card, and may inform priorities or revitalize interest in aspects of the watershed plan.
 - ii. Task: Before our next meeting...
 - Consider the Niantic River watershed and estuary in the context of what is meaningful to you. This can be anything – from the natural environment to local businesses, from family and friends to solitude, from work to play.
 - Select a photo – either one you have already or a new photo you take on purpose.
 - Write a sentence or two (or more) or title the photo, to let the viewer know what you see in that photo – what it represents to you.
 - Send the photo and writing to jamie.vaudrey@uconn.edu
 - These will be shared within our group.

Optional – add the 2022 meetings with Zoom links to your calendar by downloading and importing the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZcpdeyoqDksHdDzZ98RWjd-luhdjLlhdPvt/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGrgjkvGtKXth6DRpwqBojoZ_Twppndgqd5hiW8WxJka



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6. DEEP Liaison Report
7. Town Matters
 - a. Salem: wetlands application package / development plan for Woodchuck Road, in the headwaters of the Latimer Brook. (provided by Melissa, plan attached to email with this agenda)
8. Old Business
9. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. Monitoring Group
 - i. Long Island Sound Report Card
 - > Long Island Sound report card released (including Niantic River). A copy was included in the email with this agenda and can be downloaded from <https://www.savethesound.org/report-card>
 - > You may access the results and the scores by indicator at <https://soundhealthexplorer.org/fishable/>
 - > The inner estuary received an overall score of B-, receiving an F (53%) for the hypoxia that occurred in the summer of 2021 – inner-most station was below 2 mg/L for 3 sampling trips (= 6 weeks). The outer estuary received an overall grade of A-. Seaweed in both sections of the estuary received a grade of C, which contributed to the lower scores.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group
 - i. Revitalization of this group...
 - ii. Spring 2023 Hole In Wall Stormwater Outdoor Classroom in coordination with East Lyme
 - c. NRWPP Update Summit Committee
10. New Business
11. Public Comments
12. Next meeting: January 5, 2022, 6 PM, ZOOM
13. Adjourn



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Supporting Materials:

2023 NRWC Board of Directors (BOD) and Subcommittee meeting dates

1/5/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

2/2/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

3/2/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

4/6/23, 5pm – 6pm (Monitoring Subcommittee); 6pm – 7pm, BOD

5/4/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

6/1/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

7/6/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

8/3/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

9/7/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

10/5/23, 5pm – 6pm (Monitoring Subcommittee); 6pm – 7pm, BOD

11/2/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD

12/7/23, 6pm – 7pm, BOD