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## Minutes

### NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

October 6, 2022, 6 PM

Virtual via Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate); David Turner, Town of Montville; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Karen Bishop (guest)

Excused: Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (alternate)

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers motioned to seat A. Cabaniss for Town of Salem seat, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of September 1, 2022, meeting minutes:** D. Landers motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's report, seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the Coordinator's report. The Dominion Foundation grant application for the Enviroscape models and associated outreach materials was submitted ahead of schedule. J. Vaudrey and Board members discussed plans for stormwater outfall bacterial sampling in the Niantic River next summer.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas was not present for the meeting.
7. **Old Business:**
  - a. **Town Matters:** C. Tomichek reported that P. Harris notified her about WELSCO planting 20k Oysters in the Niantic River. Members discussed a development proposal in the Town of Waterford nearby Oil Mill Brook, a tributary to the Niantic River. Waterford Conservation is reviewing the proposal and holding public hearings. Board members provided updates on the progress of the Noble gas station.
8. **Subcommittee Updates:**
  - a. **Monitoring Group:**
    - D. Danila provided highlights of the monitoring subcommittee meeting held prior to the regular meeting
      - Progress continues on the 10-year monitoring report
      - CT DEEP had successful round of electrofishing in Oil Mill and Stony Brooks
    - Many pics of the sampling results on STRSTH and DEEP websites



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- o Tidbit temperature data loggers from Stony Brook retrieved and data dumped to computer files
  - o RBV sampling on hold due to drought conditions; sampling may be performed on Latimer Brook behind Tri-Town store and on 4-Mile River
  - b. Education/Outreach Group: No additional updates other than those provided in Coordinator's report.
  - c. NRWPP Update Summit Committee: Members discussed plans and strategy for holding the summit in Spring 2023
9. **New Business:**
- a. J. Vaudrey received the following notice from CIRCA regarding a potential funding opportunity; E. Thomas also provided some background info on this.  
**"CIRCA's New Climate and Equity Grant Program**  
In accordance with the recommendations from the Governor's Council of Climate Change, CIRCA, with funding from CT DEEP, will be seeking grant proposals for a new Climate & Equity Grant Program starting on October 10, 2022. This grant program will fund projects that increase the capacity of vulnerable communities to mitigate, plan for, and respond to climate change impacts, and is open to community-based organizations. Applicants may apply for smaller projects up to \$10,000, or larger projects up to \$50,000, with no match required. Applications will close November 7, 2022. If you have questions, please contact CIRCA's Community Resilience Planner, Mary Buchanan at [mary.buchanan@uconn.edu](mailto:mary.buchanan@uconn.edu). "
10. **Public Comments:** None
11. **Next meeting:** November 3, 2022, 6 PM, via Zoom
12. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motion to adjourn at 6:30 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Landers  
East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commissioner