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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

January 5, 2023, 6 pm

Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Attendees: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem, Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; 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; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate)

Excused: Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP

Guest: Maureen Fitzgerald, Town of Waterford Environmental Planner

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Danila motioned to seat A. Cabaniss in vacant Waterford seat, seconded by D. Landers, all in favor, motion approved.
3. **Review and Approval of December 2022 meeting minutes:** D. Landers motioned to approve meeting minutes as edited by D. Danila, seconded by D. Danila, all in favor, motion was approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by P. Harris. All in favor, motion was approved.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the coordinator's report. J. Vaudrey noted that the grant funds to purchase the Enviroscape Model were received, and suggested that the NRWC purchase the model now so that it would be received in time to use for spring programming. The estimated cost of the model is \$1,848.85 based on internet price quote from 2022. D. Landers motioned to have J. Vaudrey order the model, purchase not to exceed \$2,500.00. The motion was seconded by A. Cabaniss, all in favor, motion approved.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas absent, no DEEP report discussed.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Town Matters:** Waterford POCD outreach meetings will be occurring in January (to be scheduled). M.Fitzgerald requested that a representative of the NRWC to be at the meeting and be a point of contact when issues arise. J. Vaudrey will cover meetings.
8. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. **Monitoring Group:** D. Danila reported that he is still working on the draft monitoring report. D. Danila discontinued weather monitoring subscription since monitoring has been discontinued.
 - b. **Education/Outreach Group:** See Coordinator's Report. P. Harris suggested that we begin planning for fertilizer campaign and think about refreshing material for February.
 - c. **NRWPP Update Summit Committee:** Members needed.



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9. **New Business:** Reviewed NRWC Workplan. M. Bezanson and A. Cabaniss to consolidate tasks / clean up formatting and recirculate to group for further prioritization.

Public Comments: M. Fitzgerald (Town of Waterford Planner) noted that DEEP monitoring of solar field in Waterford (Oil Mill Rd) has been reduced to monthly frequency because construction activities are complete.

10. **Next meeting:** February 2, 6 PM, via Zoom.

11. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 7:15 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bezanson
Town of Salem