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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

April 6, 2023, 6 pm

Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Attendees: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate); Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dan Mullins, ECCD; Maureen Fitzgerald (guest); Deb Mosier-Dunn (guest); Jim Paganetti (Town of Waterford guest)

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; 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 vacant seat in Salem, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of March 2023 meeting minutes:** D. Landers motioned to approve meeting minutes as edited by D. Danila, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. Payment was made to Bluehost for website domain name registration and the annual 501(c)(3) IRS filing was completed. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by A. Cabaniss. All in favor, motion passed.
 - a. **Audit Report:** D. Landers reviewed the Audit Report for the 2022 fiscal year, no issues were identified. A. Cabaniss motioned to approve the Audit Report as written, seconded by S. Gonzalez. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reported that the Spring 2023 report is in progress and will request feedback on sections. Volunteers will be needed for EarthFest (5/13/23) and Celebrate East Lyme (7/15/23).
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas absent but his report was emailed to the Board for review.
7. **Town Matters**
 - a. P. Harris reported that the responsible lawncare article was published in The Day.
8. **Old Business**
 - a. **Watershed Work Plan Update:** A. Cabaniss reported that the work plan update seems to be in good shape. Group rankings will be discussed after everyone has submitted their individual rankings.



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9. Subcommittee Updates

- a. **Monitoring Group:** D. Danila reported on the semi-annual Monitoring Group meeting held prior to the regular meeting. The draft 10-year monitoring report is under review. Discussion of printing and distribution of final report followed. Outfall sampling is planned for summer 2023.
- b. **Education/Outreach Group:** J. Vaudrey reported that the new non-point source coastal watershed Enviroscape arrived. Coastal version is available to borrow from The Last Green Valley. Digital download of curriculum also available.
- c. **NRWPP Update Summit Committee:** C. Tomichek will send a notice out for summit planning get-together.

10. New Business

- a. **EPOC grant:** Recommend holding off on EPOC grant application since still outstanding projects still need to be completed. Fall is a good time to consider grant requests following reassessment of work plan priorities.

11. Public Comments:

- a. D. Mosier-Dunn shared several items:
 - The launch for the new pump out boat scheduled for May 23.
 - A reporter from ABC News Boston will interview Deb and Jamie on April 10 for an article showcasing the Niantic River.
 - There is a meeting April 27 held by attorney Tom Londregan and Joseph Lanzafame (New London Stormwater Authority) to share information with local groups on creating stormwater authorities.
 - Requested that the NRWC submit something in writing for the Waterford POCD update.

12. **Next meeting:** May 4, 2023, 6 PM, via ZOOM or hybrid.

13. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 6:59 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez
Town of East Lyme