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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

June 1, 2023, 6 pm

Via ZOOM Online Conferencing

Attendees: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem, Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Jim Paganetti (Town of Waterford), Amy Cabaniss (alternate), Nathan Harman (guest), Maureen Fitzgerald (Guest)

Excused: Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme, Eric Thomas, CT DEEP, Dave Turner (Montville)

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Danila motioned to seat Amy Cabaniss for Dave Turner (Montville), seconded by P. Harris, all in favor, motion approved.
3. **Review and Approval of May 2023 meeting minutes:** D. Danila motioned to table meeting minutes until next meeting because they have not been reviewed, seconded by P. Harris, all in favor, motion was approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. J. Paganetti motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by D. Landers
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the coordinator's report and tasks in progress: Summer Newsletter, Watershed Report Card, and preparations for East Lyme Day. J. Vaudrey noted that a case is needed for the second Enviroscope that was donated as it did not come with one. Enviroscope offered to extend the discount that was applied earlier in the year when the NRWCC Enviroscope was purchased. Jamie estimated the cost of the case would be approximately \$720.00 plus shipping. J. Vaudrey proposed that we reallocate funds from the lesson / brochure development budget. D. Danila motioned to purchase the Enviroscope Case, for a Not-to-Exceed cost of \$800.00 inclusive of shipping. Motion was seconded by A. Cabaniss, all in favor, motion carried.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** no coordinator report (E. Thomas absent)
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Town Matters:
 - M. Bezanson provided an update on the 496 New London Road Housing Project in Salem – the application was withdrawn to address comments raised during the Public Planning & Zoning Hearing.
 - P. Harris suggested that it was time to resume in-person meetings to maintain visibility at the municipal level.



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- Discussed proposed affordable housing project at Holmes Rd / Cranberry Road in the northern reaches of the Watershed. Plans are still preliminary.
 - b. 2023-2024 NRWC Workplan Update: M. Bezanson reviewed task rankings in work plan. Pete requested that a Median formula be added for comparison to the average approach that was used. Melissa will update and recirculate to the group.
- 8. Subcommittee Updates:**
- a. Monitoring Group: D. Danila reported that the draft monitoring report in review (J. Vaudrey, D. Landers, S. Gonzalez, and C. Tomichek). S. Gonzalez and D. Danila retrieved the tidbits from the brook by the Waterford Solar Project and were able to download the data. Data has not been reviewed yet.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: Set for September 12th. Waiting to hear back on venue, P. Harris submitted application to Camp Nett.
- 9. New Business:** J. Paganetti noted that STRSTH is looking to partner with the NRWC on a project. The group discussed the possibility of support with bacteria sampling. Maureen suggested a potential shoreline stabilization project at Grimsey Beach.
- Public Comments:** None
- 10. Next meeting:** July 6, 6 PM, at East Lyme Town Hall.
- 11. Adjournment:** P. Harris motioned to adjourn at 6:46 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Bezanson
Town of Salem