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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

May 4, 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; Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (alternate); Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Jim Paganetti (guest); Nate Hermann (guest)

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate)

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** No alternates to seat.
3. **Review and Approval of April 2023 meeting minutes:** D. Landers motioned to approve the minutes as submitted, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila reviewed the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by P. Harris. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey summarized the Coordinator's report.
 - a. Summer 2023 newsletter: Assignments for updating sections are in Coordinator's report emailed to Committee members.
 - b. Report Card: Work initiated on budget and contract preparation.
 - c. Bacterial monitoring: Sampling targeted for June-August.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:**
 - a. E. Thomas provided update on DEEP response to Noble Gas Station construction project in E. Lyme following reports of erosion sediment issues and uncontrolled runoff. DEEP enforcement staff visited site last Friday prior to next set of storms and identified some issues and sources, but did not observe discharge/siltation deposits reaching tidal wetlands or river. Ticket is still open for people to look at. Gary Goeschel responded to one of the issues and has been in touch with the General Contractor of the project.
 - b. DEEP put out an online outdoor recreation survey for users across the state. This will inform DEEP's update to the SCORP (Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan):
https://ccsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1RBZFhAKDtyUQsu.
7. **Town Matters**
 - a. D. Danila added to discussion on Noble Gas construction that video was taken during April 23 rainstorm showing a heavy sediment plume in Banning Cove. DEEP and Town of East Lyme



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were notified and Noble added silt fences, rock piles, and hay bales. Remedies shown to be inadequate during April 30 rain event. This and other major projects in East Lyme with stormwater issues were brought up by D. Danila at the May 2 Inland Wetland Agency meeting. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses regulations are under review and IWA asked Conservation Commission to review. Draft available on East Lyme Town Hall website.

- b. D. Landers expressed concern about DOT multiyear I-95 project and stormwater management. E. Thomas will follow up and provide a contact at DOT.
- c. Nate Hermann introduced as potential new committee member for the Town of Montville.
- d. P. Harris emailed Kevin Seery about Camp Nett contact to inquire about using facility as a Summit venue.

8. Old Business

- a. Watershed Work Plan Update: discuss at the next meeting after everyone has reviewed.

9. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Monitoring Group: D. Danila is waiting for reviews to be completed of 10-year monitoring report.
- b. Education/Outreach Group: Received first request to loan out Enviroscope. A. Cabaniss will draft a loan agreement.
- c. NRWPP Update Summit Committee: Summit proposed for September 12, 2023, 9 AM-12 PM. C. Tomichek will confirm Fuss & O'Neill availability. Proposed venue is Camp Nett.

10. New Business: None

11. **Public Comments**: J. Paganetti reported that STR-STH pump out boat will be in water and start pumping soon with plans to operate Fridays-Mondays.

12. **Next meeting**: June 1, 2023, 6 PM, via ZOOM.

13. **Adjournment**: D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 6:42 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez
Town of East Lyme