



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

### NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

August 3, 2023, 6 PM

Attendees: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichuk, Town of Waterford; Jim Paganetti, 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; Nate Hermann (guest)

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

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Danila motioned to seat R. Kanter for A. Cabaniss, seconded by P. Harris, all in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of July 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 presented the Treasurer's report. D. Landers motioned to approve Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey summarized the Coordinator's report.
  - a. Enviroscene case ordered. A. Cabaniss will assist with lesson plans, inventory, loan agreement, etc.
  - b. Draft newsletter sent to committee members for review and updates.
  - c. Celebrate East Lyme Day was a success. More tote bags will need to be ordered.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas presented DEEP Liaison report.
  - a. New issue of Sound Outlook newsletter provides link to online form for filing coastal complaints.
  - b. OSWA grant round open for two months.
  - c. DEEP Land and Water Resources Division has new staff organization. Marybeth Hart is program supervisor.
  - d. DEEP and EPA will be touring completed non-point source grant program projects throughout the state in September, including some in Waterford and East Lyme.
  - e. SCCOG Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study report findings available at [seccog.org/publications](http://seccog.org/publications).
7. **Town Matters:** P. Harris discussed Dept. of Agriculture follow-up to *Vibrio* article in The Day. E. Kanter mentioned WELSCO purchase of softshell clam seed stock.

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8. **Old Business:** 2023-2024 Work Plan has been posted on the NRWC webpage.
9. **Subcommittee Updates:**
  - a. Monitoring Group: D. Danila shared highlights of the Monitoring Group meeting.
    - i. When completed, the 10-year Water Quality Monitoring report will be available electronically by email and on the NRWC website, with a few hard copies printed for select distribution.
    - ii. Outfall bacterial water sampling will be scheduled soon, but sampling locations need to be finalized. Test kits will be procured from Harbor Watch.
    - iii. The next data download for Waterford solar farm water temperature monitoring is scheduled for the fall and a decision will likely be made whether to continue collecting data following analysis of entire dataset.
  - b. Education/Outreach Group: No report
  - c. NRWPP Update Summit Committee: Group discussion of Summit details.
10. **New Business:**
  - a. D. Danila motioned that NRWC engage with the East Lyme Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources to cooperate in participating in Sustainable CT initiatives regarding the watershed management plan and watershed protection and restoration, seconded by E. Kanter. All in favor, motion passed.
11. **Public Comments:** None
12. **Next meeting:** September 7, 2023, 6 PM
13. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 7:32 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez  
Town of East Lyme