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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

September 7, 2023, 6 PM

Attendees: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Jim Paganetti, Town of Waterford; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Amy Cabaniss, Town of East Lyme (alternate); Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dan Mullins, ECCD; Eric Thomas (via phone), CT DEEP

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Nate Hermann, Town of Montville; 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. Danila motioned to seat A. Cabaniss for the vacant seat in Salem, seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of August 2023 meeting minutes:** D. Danila motioned to approve the meeting minutes as submitted, seconded by D. Landers. 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 J. Paganetti. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey summarized the Coordinator's report.
 - a. New Enviroscape case arrived. Enviroscape has been loaned out to CIRCA already. A. Cabaniss and J. Vaudrey will develop lesson plan tailored to NR watershed.
 - b. NRWC will purchase bacterial supplies from Harbor Watch and J. Vaudrey's lab will analyze.
 - c. Report card will be revisited in fall after Summit and completion of bacterial sampling.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** Nothing to report.
7. **Town Matters:** P. Harris reported oysters were purchased and will go in September 23. D. Danila reported that STR-STH was contacted about a homeowner in East Lyme performing clear cutting on lot with a tributary to Latimer Brook running through it. E. Thomas offered to follow up with DEEP Wetlands Enforcement to see what they know about the situation.
8. **Old Business:** Watershed work plan update is up on the NRWC website.
9. **Subcommittee Updates:**
 - a. Monitoring Group: 10-year WQ report is finished. RBV sampling in October with EL CCNR.
 - b. Education/Outreach Group: Enviroscares discussed in Coordinator's report.
 - c. Summit Committee: Discussion of final preparations for Summit. D. Danila motioned to spend a maximum of \$900 for catering, seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, motion passed.



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10. **New Business:** Discussion of suggestions for Dominion Foundation Grant application.
11. **Public Comments:** J. Paganetti asked on behalf of STR-STH if NRWC has a position on the proposed data centers in Waterford. The committee agreed that commenting on the data centers is not in the purview of NRWC since the location is outside the NR watershed.
12. **Next meeting:** October 5, 2023, 6 PM. Monitoring Subcommittee meeting at 5 PM.
13. **Adjournment:** D. Danila motioned to adjourn at 6:59 PM, seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Gonzalez".

Susan Gonzalez
Town of East Lyme