



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Karen Hill
TOWN CLERK

Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

December 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); Nate Hermann, Town of Montville; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management and Shellfish Commission; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Dan Mullins, ECCD.

Excused: Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Dave Turner, 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 vacant Salem seat, seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of November meeting minutes:** D. Danila motioned to table approval of November minutes until January meeting, 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 submitted, seconded by P. Harris. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the Coordinator's report.
 - a. A. Cabaniss used EnviroScape for an event at Oswegatchie School in Waterford.
 - b. Discussion of 2024 meeting dates. D. Danila motioned to accept the 2024 NRWC meeting dates as proposed (with the July meeting date scheduled for July 11 instead of July 4), seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, motion passed.
 - c. Discussion of bacterial sampling. Volunteers to be contacted in early 2024, followed by a training session in preparation for sampling in late June.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** E. Thomas absent.
7. **Town Matters:** D. Landers will share recent Army Corps Niantic Bay and Niantic River survey results. D. Danila mentioned that some NRWC board members are up for re-appointment. D. Landers suggested a meet-and-greet with newly elected town officials. D. Danila gave update on Brookfield Drive property from Inland Wetlands meeting.
8. **Subcommittee Updates**
 - a. Monitoring Group: D. Danila reported that temperature data from data loggers downstream of Waterford Solar Project will be downloaded in January 2024. Decision on whether to continue temperature monitoring will be made after analysis of the three years of data. See Coordinator's Report for bacterial sampling information.



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- b. **Education/Outreach Group:** A. Cabaniss discussed the need for updating and enhancing the NRWC website. N. Hermann offered to assist with making initial updates to the webpage. D. Danila motioned to form a Website Subcommittee consisting of A. Cabaniss and N. Hermann, seconded by D. Landers. All in favor, motion passed.
9. **Old Business:** None
10. **New Business:** Report-out from attendees at the 12/7 local working group session at UConn Avery Point to help identify future priorities and funding opportunities that will be developed in the NRCS PL-566 LIS Watershed Operations Plan.
11. **Public Comments:** No public comments.
12. **Next meeting:** January 4, 2024, 6 PM.
13. **Adjournment:** D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 7:02 PM, seconded by D. Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez
Town of East Lyme