



# Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes

### Board of Directors Meeting

February 1, 2024, 6 PM

Attendees: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Jim Paganetti, Town of Waterford; 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

Excused: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Melissa Bezanson, Town of Salem; Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Eric Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission (alternate)

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Landers motioned to seat A. Cabaniss for D. Danila, seconded by J. Paganetti. All in favor, motion passed.
3. **Review and Approval of January meeting minutes:** D. Landers motioned to approve minutes as corrected to include addition by Eric Thomas, seconded by A. Cabaniss. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** S. Gonzalez presented the Treasurer's report prepared by D. Danila. D. Landers motioned to approve the Treasurer's report as submitted, seconded by J. Paganetti. All in favor, motion passed.
  - a. **Audit Report:** D. Landers reviewed the audit report. Everything was in good order. J. Paganetti motioned to approve audit report, seconded by N. Hermann. All in favor, motion passed.
5. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey reviewed the Coordinator's report.
  - a. SAM account used to apply for federal money was re-registered under NRWC and is now a separate entity from ECCD.
  - b. Dominion volunteer-based contribution expected to arrive in March.
  - c. Domain name registration for healthylawshealthyriver.org is up for renewal. Decision was reached by the board to let registration for the domain name lapse.
  - d. Earthfest scheduled for May 18, 11am-3pm at McCook's.
  - e. Celebrate East Lyme Day scheduled for July 20. D. Landers motioned to approve \$50 for registration, seconded by A. Cabaniss. All in favor, motion passed.
  - f. Bacteria monitoring will be in June, with volunteer training in March.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** Eric Thomas has retired from CT DEEP and indicated that Kelly Streich will likely be a DEEP point of contact for the NRWC. Eric also recommended that NRWC rebuild their connection with Mary-beth Hart with the Coastal Planning program at DEEP.



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## **7. Town Matters**

- a. J. Vaudrey received an email from a Waterford resident regarding a neighbor disposing of dog waste in the river. Jamie will forward to Maureen Fitzgerald. C. Tomichuk will also email Pete Harris about this for shellfish concerns.
- b. S. Gonzalez reviewed an activity report prepared by D. Danila. D. Danila shared receipt of the NRWC Dominion Foundation grant at the January EL Conservation of Natural Resources Commission meeting. He also attended a Potluck for Preservationists event in January where he presented the NRWC 2023 accomplishments and 2024 planned activities.

## **8. Old Business: None**

## **9. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. Monitoring Group: S. Gonzalez reported that temperature datalogger download was delayed because stream levels were high from all the rain in January.
- b. Website: N. Hermann and A. Cabaniss led discussion on ideas for updating the NRWC webpage. EPOC grant could potentially be used to pay for website development – grant application deadline is April 15.

10. **New Business**: C. Tomichuk will draft a thank you letter for the Dominion Foundation grant.

11. **Public Comments**: None

12. **Next meeting**: March 7, 2024, 6 PM.

13. **Adjournment**: D. Landers motioned to adjourn at 7:02 PM, seconded by J. Paganetti. All in favor, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gonzalez  
Town of East Lyme