



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

March 7, 2024, 6 PM

Attendees:

Jamie Vaudrey, Chris Tomichuk, Don Danila, Amy Cabaniss, Nate Hermann, Melissa Bezanson, David Turner

Excused: Peter Harris, Rick Kanter, Susan Gonzalez, John Paganetti, Don Landers

1. **Call to Order:** C. Tomichuk called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** D. Danila motioned to seat A. Cabaniss for missing Salem seat, seconded by N. Herman.
3. **Review and Approval of meeting minutes:** Motion to approve minutes as submitted by S. Gonzalez, N. Herman, second by A. Cabaniss, all in favor, motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Motion approve D. Danila's report as stated by A. Cabaniss, seconded by N. Herman, all in favor, motion carried.
5. **Coordinator's Report:**
 - a. J. Vaudrey registered NRWC for Celebrate E.L. Day on July 20. EarthFest is approaching May 18. Amy requested volunteers to staff both events. Jamie will confirm volunteers during the April meeting.
 - b. Monitoring subcommittee meeting to be scheduled prior to April meeting. Need to firm up scheduling of bacteria for stormwater drains near Niantic River. J. Vaudrey to email the group outlining plan.
 - c. J. Vaudrey also noted that it is time to develop the implementation plan for Hole in the Wall plantings (work to be done with funds from Dominion Grant).
 - d. J. Vaudrey received an email requesting a Letter of Support for a proposed recreation trail project at Darrow Pond. The Committee discussed / reviewed the project documentation provided. D. Danila motioned to proceed with letter of support for NRWC the proposed project on Darrow Pond. The motion was seconded by N. Hermann, all in favor, motion carried.
6. **DEEP Liaison Report:** No DEEP liaison has been assigned to replace E. Thomas. CT DEEP does not have the resources to support NRWC at this time, however, it was noted Kelly Streick is available to us (EL Resident) for consultation as needed. Ms. Streick has requested to stay on email updates but will not be attending meetings.



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7. Town Matters:

- a. D. Danila discussed a proposal currently under review by E.L. P&Z , a 25 unit age-restricted development at 91 Post Rd (hillside behind Tri-Town IGA), which borders Latimer Brook. D. Danila plans to attend hearing.
- b. M. Bezanson noted observations of road washout / stone milling deposition at headwaters of Latimer Brook at Woodchuck Road, Salem. M. Bezanson to notify the Wetlands Commission of the issue.

8. Old Business – None

9. Subcommittee Updates

a. Monitoring Group:

- i. Tidbit retrieval activities / data download still need to be performed.
- ii. Need to develop a sampling plan for bacteria sampling to be conducted in June.

b. Education/Outreach Group

- i. See Coordinators report for upcoming events.
- ii. Website – N. Hermann reviewed changes made thus far, and brainstormed additional improvements (Donate now button, volunteer sign-up, website format)

10. New Business

Deb Mosier Dunn emailed J. Vaudry about partnering to perform monitoring at Keeny Cove / Stony Brooke to determine potential source of contamination (bacteria, nitrogen?). The Committee discussed the potential opportunity; however, the group still has some additional questions to clarify request. J. Vaudrey to ask D. Mosier Dunn to come to the next meeting to discuss it further.

11. Public Comments – none

12. Next meeting: April 4, 2024, 6 PM

13. Adjournment: D. Danila motioned to adjourn at 6:31 pm. Seconded by D. Turner. All in favor, motion passed.