



# ***Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.***

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## **Minutes**

### **NRWC Board of Directors Meeting**

**June 5, 2025, 6 PM**

Attendees: Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme; Nate Hermann, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Amy Cabaniss; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission

Excused: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Jim Paganetti, Town of Waterford; Dave Turner, Town of Montville

1. **Call to Order:** S. Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** Motion by D. Danila to seat A. Cabaniss for the Town of Salem, seconded by C. Tomichek. Motion passes.
3. **No welcomes and introductions:** None.
4. **Review and Approval of May 1 minutes:** C. Tomichek moves to approve as written, A. Cabaniss seconds. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila read the treasurer's report. D. Landers moves to approve the report as read, C. Tomichek seconds. Motion passes.
6. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey provided a coordinator's report in advance of the meeting in her absence to be presented by S. Gonzalez.
  - a. **Enviroscape** – A. Cabaniss has an update on the Enviroscape being targeted to be ready for the start of the next school year, a cover letter and loan agreement will be drafted for review by the committee to achieve this. S. Gonzalez is planning to get 3D printed houses for replacements for the Enviroscape which is missing pieces and to have as spares for the future as they can be expensive to buy from Enviroscape.
  - b. D. Danila moves to spend up to \$4500 from the Dominion Foundation Grant for supplies and materials for bacterial and eDNA sampling. As part of discussion, C. Tomichek asked if a report will be written for the work and suggests that some money be held in reserve for doing so. Report writing is encouraged, but is not included in the grant funds so the full amount will be allocated to sampling and does not require any modification to the motion as made by D. Danila. D. Landers seconds the motion. Motion passes. S. Gonzalez will write a thank you to Dominion from the Board for funding.
7. **Town Matters:** P. Harris reported that EarthFest was successful with WELSCO booth. A. Cabaniss reported that there was better turnout than usual, so it was overall very successful.
8. **Old Business:** None.
9. **Subcommittee Updates:**
  - a. Monitoring Group: Nothing to report. Awaiting summer bacterial sampling.



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**b. Education/Outreach Group:**

- i. EarthFest and Celebrate East Lyme: A. Cabaniss believes that having more materials for future events would attract more visitors, such as shells. A. Cabaniss wants to pursue hats for future events, has a quote for baseline but does not have the final quote. D. Danila moves to spend up to \$300 for the design and purchase of custom hats and/or visors with an embroidered NRWC logo. D. Landers seconds. Motion passes.

**10. New Business:** None to report.

**11. Public Comments:** None.

**12. Next meeting:** July 10th, 2025, 6 PM.

**13. Adjourn:** D. Landers moves to adjourn, C. Tomichek seconds. Meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nathan Hermann  
Town of Montville  
Secretary



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## ***Addendum to the NRWC Agenda***

### **2025 Meeting Dates**

All meetings are held in-person with an option to call in remotely by phone or Webex.

In-person meetings are held in Conference Room 1 of the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Avenue, Niantic CT.

| <b>6 PM Meetings</b> | <b>Notes</b>                  | <b>Room in East Lyme Town Hall</b> | <b>Login To Use for Remote Attendance</b> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>1/9/25</b>        | Not on 1st Th, due to holiday | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>2/6/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>3/6/25</b>        | + Monitoring Mtg to follow    | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>4/3/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>5/1/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>6/5/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>7/10/25</b>       | Not on 1st Th, due to holiday | Conference Room 1                  | B                                         |
| <b>8/7/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>9/4/25</b>        |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>10/2/25</b>       | + Monitoring Mtg to follow    | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>11/6/25</b>       |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |
| <b>12/4/25</b>       |                               | Conference Room 1                  | A                                         |

### **(A) Login To Use for Remote Attendance**

<https://uconn-cmr.webex.com/uconn-cmr/j.php?MTID=m58045b3a30cf549f7e063602ee982ca4>

Meeting number: 2630 504 4006

Meeting Password: NRWC

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0002 US Toll

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Meeting Password: NRWC

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