



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

December 4, 2025, 6 PM

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

Excused: Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator

1. **Call to Order:** S. Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** Motion by D. Turner to seat A. Cabaniss for the Town of Salem, seconded by D. Landers. Motion passes.
3. **Welcomes and Introductions** None
4. **Review and Approval of November 6 Minutes:** Series of suggestions by A. Cabaniss, D. Danila, and J. Paganetti, then shared over email with N. Hermann to make revisions. D. Landers moves to approve minutes as they have been revised. C. Tomichuk seconds. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented a treasurer's report. D. Landers moves to approve the report as spoken. D. Turner seconds. Motion passes.
6. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey absent, no report provided.
7. **Town Matters:**
 - a. P. Harris mentions that the scallop season has started and that they are getting scallops. Two wardens are resigning, want to find 2-3 more wardens with responsibilities focused on boat handling, water sampling, and face-to-face communication – if anyone knows someone, please share with P. Harris.
 - b. D. Danila reported that Landmark is issuing a lawsuit against the town over their denial of additional sewage capacity.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a. Regarding hat purchases: D. Danila is of the opinion that we should not get into full merchandising especially because we don't need the money to operate. A. Cabaniss feels that having a small run for the purposes of visibility is valuable. C. Tomichuk identifies that there may be tax implications. D. Turner contributed how we as a non-profit must account for a sales and use. May instead consider accepting donations with higher donations being gifted a hat. Alternatively, suggested by P. Harris to consider shirts which may be cheaper.
 - i. D. Turner moves to purchase hats and shirts as promotional materials for the future. J. Paganetti seconds. D. Landers moves to amend the motion to include



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"a not to exceed" amount. Proposed by D. Turner as \$500. Motion passes with one nay.

9. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. **Monitoring Group:** The Monitoring Group met immediately after the NRWC Board Meeting in November and voted to disband the monitoring group.
 - i. C. Tomichek moves to accept the final meeting minutes from the subcommittee meeting. J. Paganetti seconds. Motion passes.
- b. **Education/Outreach Group:** A. Cabaniss reported the we have adopted all the Enviroscope loan agreement revisions and will have them uploaded to the website. The chemistry kit loans will be removed from the website.
 - i. D. Turner moves to approve the Enviroscope loan agreement, cover letter, and supporting materials as provided. J. Paganetti seconds. Motion passes.

10. Eastern CT Watershed Network Updates: Large Event May 30 at the Project Oceanology building with further detail on the schedule to follow.

11. New Business: None.

12. Public Comments: None.

13. Next meeting: D. Danila hasn't had the schedule confirmed by East Lyme, but should be Jan 8, 6pm.

14. Adjourn: D. Turner moves to adjourn at 6:40, J. Paganetti second. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nathan Hermann
Town of Montville