



Niantic River Watershed Committee, Inc.

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

January 8, 2026, 6 PM

Attendees: 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 (remote); Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management/Shellfish Commission; Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator; Susan Gonzalez, Town of East Lyme (remote)

Excused: None

1. **Call to Order:** N. Hermann called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.
2. **Seating of Alternates:** Motion by D. Danila to seat A. Cabaniss for the Town of Salem, seconded by D. Landers. Motion passes.
3. **Welcomes and Introductions** Dominic Anziano from SECOG.
4. **Review and Approval of December 4 Minutes:** D. Landers moves to approve minutes been written. D. Danila seconds. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented a treasurer's report to the committee regarding the current state of finances. In addition, he provided a summary of his findings regarding our tax-exempt status. Moving forward, we must supply a CERT-119 form to vendors to excuse us from paying sales tax. D. Landers moves to approve the report as spoken. J. Paganetti seconds. Motion passes.
6. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey additionally sent the December report to the committee for review and presented one for January.
 - a. Report cards – nothing major to report
 - b. Envirosapes – Her son, Riley, has reviewed all the lesson plans and created an inventory for teachers to refer to allowing them an easy lookup for which plan to use for their purposes. Meeting additionally with A. Cabaniss near the end of the month to square away the plan in February for the creation of a Niantic specific resource booklet.
 - c. Bacteria – no progress and none planned
 - d. Hole in the Wall – completed workshop, but have \$3024 still to spend which can be spent somehow. D. Danila further adds that ~\$5000 exists as holdover from a 2015 Dominion grant which had been set to rain garden funds so combined they may be sufficient for plants. N. Hermann suggests a coordination with the ECTWN which may have an opportunity for an event to plant.

7. Town Matters:



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- a. P. Harris discussion around replacing plaques for committee members stepping down with a gift card for the same price of the plaque. D. Landers suggests also doing a logo hoodie. D. Danila will identify the amount of unincumbered money we have.

8. **Old Business:** None

9. **Subcommittee Updates:**

a. Monitoring Group: No updates.

b. Education/Outreach Group: A. Cabaniss has recommendations to the website

10. **Eastern CT Watershed Network Updates:** From N. Hermann – Brochure completed in review, should be printed in February. Small event on February 26th, at 6 pm in the East Lyme town hall to discuss Niantic River water quality with speaker from CUSH as well.

11. **New Business:** Dominion Grant Spring cycle is February 20th: If there are ideas, they should be decided upon and discussed at the February meeting, but J. Vaudrey can lead the grant writing if an idea comes from the committee.

12. **Public Comments:** None.

13. **Next meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for February 5th, 6pm.

14. **Adjourn:** D. Landers moves to adjourn at 6:38, A. Cabaniss second. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nathan Hermann
Town of Montville



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Addendum to the NRWC Agenda

2026 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.

6 PM Meetings	Notes	Room in East Lyme Town Hall	Login To Use for Remote Attendance
1/8/25	Not on 1st Th, due to holiday	Conference Room 1	A
2/5/25		Conference Room 1	A
3/5/25		Conference Room 1	A
4/2/25		Conference Room 1	A
5/7/25		Conference Room 1	A
6/4/25		Conference Room 1	A
7/2/25		Conference Room 1	A
8/6/25		Conference Room 1	A
9/3/25		Conference Room 1	A
10/1/25		Conference Room 1	A
11/5/25		Conference Room 1	A
12/3/25		Conference Room 1	A

(A) Login To Use for Remote Attendance

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