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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors Meeting

February 5, 2026, 6 PM

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

Excused: Jim Paganetti, Town of Waterford; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Jamie Vaudrey, NRWC Coordinator

1. **Call to Order:** S. Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 6:05 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. **Welcomes and Introductions** Dominic Anziano from SECOG, Dan Mullins from ECCD
4. **Review and Approval of January 8 Minutes:** C. Tomichek moves to approve minutes as written. A. Cabaniss seconds. Motion passes.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** D. Danila presented a treasurer's report to the committee regarding the current state of finances. C. Tomichek moves to approve the report as spoken. A. Cabaniss seconds. Motion passes.
6. **Coordinator's Report:** J. Vaudrey sent the report to the committee for review, but was absent from presenting today.
 - a. **Enviroscapes** – A. Cabaniss spoke on behalf of J. Vaudrey on this point regarding the meeting she, J. Vaudrey, and her son Riley had about the curriculum plan, and the Niantic River Booklet for the models that has standalone applicability for events.
7. **Town Matters:**
 - a. S. Gonzalez at annual gathering of shellfish commissions met the two new shellfish wardens for the Niantic Bay.
8. **Old Business:** Apparel update from A. Cabaniss. She and D. Landers met with Katie from Maho Apparel, received mockups and a quote that fits just under \$500 (amount approved at the December, 2025 Board Meeting) which was shared with the committee ahead of the meeting. Conversation regarding the purpose of and barriers to having apparel ensued to determine whether we want to proceed with this strategy to build a presence at public events for committee members to wear and have samples to display. Can proceed with a website button that directs to Maho for ordering—we do not need to maintain a large inventory this way. D. Landers moves to spend the previously allocated \$500 for apparel according to the plan provided by A. Cabaniss, C. Tomichek second. Motion passes.
9. **Subcommittee Updates:**



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- 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 – 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. D. Mullins added that the event on May 30th will be at Avery Point and planning is continuing.
 11. **New Business**: Deciding that we are not prepared for a Spring grant cycle, but will defer until the next round.
 12. **Public Comments**: D. Danila asked D. Mullins if there are opportunities for a collaboration with ECCD to use up an old, existing remaining portion of grant for either rain barrel or rain garden initiative to which he said there is a possibility which he will bring up at their next staff meeting. Deb Mosher-Dunn had provided an email that advocated for the Bloom event at the Pattagansett Arts Center. D. Landers – Go Pats.
 13. **Next meeting**: Next meeting scheduled for March 5th, 6pm.
 14. **Adjourn**: D. Danila moves to adjourn at 6:45, C. Tomichek second. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted by,
Nathan Hermann
Town of Montville