



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

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## **Minutes**

**NRWC Board of Directors**

**February 2, 2012, 6 pm**

**914 Hartford Tpk – 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Waterford, CT**

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*Ruth Savalle*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Elbert Burr, Town of Salem; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Dave Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator, and guests Peter Harris of East Lyme, and Marc LaFrance and Jeff Crouch, both of Montville.

1. Welcome: Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 6:02 pm. The Board welcomed Peter Harris, who has agreed to fill the WELSCO alternate seat, Jeff Crouch, who has expressed interest in the open Montville Director seat, and Marc LaFrance, who would like to learn more about NRWC.
2. Review and Approval of January 5, 2012 Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Elbert Burr. All in favor, motion carries.
3. Watershed Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities over the last month. She reported that she will be working on wrapping up the Year 3 §319 grant over the remainder of the month. She has been in contact with Mayor McDaniel of Montville, who has identified a candidate for the second Montville Director seat (present this evening). Judy reported that she needed to revise the Dominion Foundation grant to reflect specific grant tasks. The riparian buffer implementation at Clark Pond is coming along well. A meeting is scheduled with the landscape architect to review draft plans in the next week; then a meeting will be scheduled with Town staff to review the plans and project. Judy shared with Board members an article written by Judy Benson of *The Day* about the Watershed Committee. Judy stated she would like to nominate the Watershed Committee for the Aquarion Environmental Champion Award to acknowledge the great strides the Committee has made in the last three years. Finally, The Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group will be meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Several Committee and Board members will be attending.

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4. Coordinator Funding Update: Board members provided updates regarding funding efforts. Judy stated the Dominion grant, if awarded, will provide funding through June 2012. She will continue to review grant opportunities, and will target them to specific tasks in order to continue implementation of the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan recommendations.
5. Review Plan of Work: The Plan of Work is due for review and revision. Directors are asked to review and rank the goals, rate the activities as high, medium or low priority for discussion at next month's meeting, and otherwise update activities as needed.
6. Discussion Regarding 501c3: Dave Turner gave a brief overview of steps necessary to apply for 501c3 status, including steps we have already taken (establishing a Board of Directors, creating a Mission Statement, adopting By-Laws).
7. Working Group Updates:
  - a. Monitoring Group: Board members discussed use of a flow meter to establish flow rates necessary to calculate nitrogen loading to Latimer Brook.
  - b. Education/Outreach Group: Judy stated that she needs assistance to get the Teacher Loan Kit ready for spring use by several interested teachers.
8. Next Meeting: **Thursday, March 1, 2012 at 6 pm**, 914 Hartford Tpk – 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Waterford, CT.
9. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.