



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
February 7, 2013
914 Hartford Tpk – 2nd Flr, Waterford, CT

FILED IN EAST LYME
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July 10, 2014 AT 2:15 AM/PM
Karin Guthrie, Clerk
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management;; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of January 3, 2013 Meeting Minutes: Marvin Schutt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Turner reviewed the budget. Don Landers made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, report is accepted. Dave requested any outstanding reimbursement requests. Dave also reported that the Application for Incorporation is ready to submit, and that some revisions to the By-Laws will likely be necessary, particularly regarding membership. Judy and Ruth offered to review the Incorporation application and Judy will make suggested revisions to the By-Laws for Board review.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. Judy has prepared a draft application for funding through Dominion Foundation, with Don Lander's assistance. She has had several requests for the Teacher Loan Kit, from a Waterford High School teacher, and a Montville Middle School teacher. The Montville teacher has also requested information regarding the "Eelgrass in the Classroom" program, so Judy has been conducting some research on that program. Judy reported that a Manure Management Workshop has been scheduled with the East Lyme land use commissions for late February. Judy reported that she and Eric Thomas will be part of



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an ERT environmental review of the Darrow Pond property in East Lyme in mid-February. Judy updated the Board on ECCD grant projects in the Niantic River watershed.

6. Presentation – ECCD Colony Road Tree Filter Project: Judy gave a presentation on the ECCD Colony Road Tree Filter Project. Five tree filters were installed in the Colony Road neighborhood, in East Lyme, adjacent to Latimer Brook, in November 2012. Judy gave a brief description of how tree filters work, and described the installation process. This project was funded through CT DEEP by a CWA §319 NPS program grant.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Appeals: Don Landers reported that the FEMA grant awards have not yet been announced.
 - b. Audit Committee: Judy will collect necessary information from ECCD for the Audit Committee.
 - c. Landmark Development Corp. Application: There is no new information regarding this application.
8. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. 501c3: Dave Turner previously updated the Board on this item.
 - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring on Latimer Brook. He noted that nitrate levels increase below Colony Road. Discussion followed regarding future investigation to identify sources of N in that area.
 - c. Education/Outreach Group: John Jasper has done several presentations recently regarding the preliminary results of the Latimer Brook monitoring. Judy noted the previously reported requests for the Teacher Loan Kit, and that in spite of the fact that the Committee does not have an active Education/Outreach subcommittee, opportunities for outreach have been occurring. Eric Thomas commented that watershed Towns in the MS4 permit program can count NRWC outreach towards their programmatic requirements for education and outreach. There was brief discussion regarding accomplishments to date and preparation of a progress report to catalog accomplishments. It was also noted that we are due to review the Plan of Work.
 - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Committee: Judy previously reported that she and Don Landers have been preparing a funding request for Dominion Foundation. There was discussion regarding a proposal for a new pumping station at Lake Konomoc, and timing of review/comment opportunities.



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9. New Business:

- a. The Nature Conservancy –Storm Sandy-related project collaborations: Judy will be meeting with Holly Drinkuth of The Nature Conservancy to discuss possible projects and/or collaborations in the Niantic Watershed with TNC. She will report at the next meeting.
- b. Proposed Solar Field, Grassy Hill and Walnut Hill Roads, East Lyme: Brief discussion took place about this project which proposes to clear xx acres of forest land on xxx Hill for a solar field.
- c. Niantic River Watershed website renewal: Judy reported that the webhost renewal is due at the end of March. One year's service is \$108. There was brief discussion regarding where funding would come from. The only grant with a remaining balance is the 2011 EPOC grant, which funded the Teacher Loan kit.

10. Next meeting: March 7, 2013, 6 pm, at 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford, CT.

11. Adjourn: Ruth Savalle made a motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator