



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
April 3, 2014
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 2
108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, CT.

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Katherine [Signature]
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

Excused: Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:11 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: No alternates were seated.
3. Review and Approval of March 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the March financial report, and reported that he had resolved some questions he had regarding the format of the report. ECCD has revised the report format to reflect beginning and ending balances. Don Landers made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reported that NRWC will be partnering with the Millstone Environmental Lab to conduct a stream walk of Latimer Brook in the Flanders section of East Lyme. She will also pursue a clean-up of Latimer Brook with East Lyme High School students. She reported that the Monitoring Group will be meeting April 8th, and will evaluate the current Latimer Brook monitoring program. Judy has been informed that we will be receiving funding from the Dominion Foundation again this year. She has not heard about the status of the EPOC grant application that was submitted in February, but will follow up with the EPOC program coordinator. She is looking for a small grant to install a rain garden or similar BMP on the Flanders area as part of the lower Latimer Brook streamwalk project. ECCD received the grant contract for the Mago Point riparian buffer planting this month. Judy has contacted the New London Master Gardeners program to see if any master gardeners would like to participate in the project. ECCD has begun planning for the Waterford-East Lyme Tree Filters project. The Mago Point installation will be

conducted as part of the Mago Point redevelopment. Waterford has applied for STEAP funding to conduct that project. Dave Turner asked if NRWC could propose a project in Flanders and how it might be funded. Judy suggested that once we obtain our nonprofit designation, we could apply for funding through the CWA §319 program.

6. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: There was no update on the Latimer Brook stream gauge.
- b. Watershed Signs: Judy distributed several draft versions of the sign prepared by John Jasper for review. Members discussed the inclusion of scallops and/or ospreys on the signs. This will be revisited at the May meeting.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. 501c3: Dave Turner provided an update on the status of our filings. We applied for and received an Employer's Tax ID number; however there was an error in our name ("River" omitted). A request for correction has been submitted. We also submitted required documents to the CT Secretary of State to Incorporate as a Non-Stock corporation and filed our first report. However, we missed one required signature on the paperwork. That has been remedied, and we are now waiting for the final notification. Once we receive that, we can file the application for 501c3 status.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila provided a review of the March water quality sampling via email.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report. It was suggested we reach out to local news media to cover the Millstone Lab work day.
- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report. There was brief discussion about recent fines levied against Unilever for illegal discharges at their (now closed) Clinton facility. The question was raised whether there might be SEP funds available from that fine.

8. New Business:

- a. Quarterly Coordinator reimbursement to ECCD: Dave Turner made a motion to reimburse ECCD for Coordinator services for the first quarter of 2014 (fourth and final quarter of the 2013 Dominion Foundation grant), seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, the motion passes.

9. Next meeting: May 1, 2014, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

10. Adjourn: Ruth Savalle made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator