



# Niantic River Watershed Committee

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## Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

May 1, 2014

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 1

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, CT.

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July 10, 2014 AT 2:15 AM/PM  
Kathleen Halloran, Clerk  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator, Dan Mullins, ECCD.

Excused: Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; David Turner, Town of Montville.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: A motion was made by Don Landers to seat Don Danila for Dave Turner, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of April 3, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Judy Rondeau reviewed the April financial report. Don Landers made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Save-the-River/Save-the-Hills organized a clean-up of Latimer Brook in Flanders, but the event was rained out. Judy did not have any information regarding a rain date. The Celebrate East Lyme Day announcement has gone out. Judy has registered NRWC for a booth again this year. Anyone who would like to help man the booth is welcome. Based on discussion with Maureen Fitzgerald, Environmental Planner for the Town of Waterford, the Water Quality Monitoring Committee will be revising the current monitoring program to eliminate some "clean" sites on upper Latimer Brook and add several new sites in Waterford on Stony Brook and Oil Mill Brook. Judy was informed that we have been awarded funding through the EPOC grant program to support stream walks of the Flanders section of Latimer Brook. Judy is continuing to look for funding to install a small but visible stormwater management project in the Flanders area, such as a rain garden. Judy will be meeting with several master gardeners to work on the design for the

Mago Park Demonstration Coastal Riparian Buffer. She has met with Brian Flaherty, the Waterford Parks & Recreation Director to discuss the project. The Town of Waterford has applied for STEAP funding to assist with the Mago Point redevelopment project, of which the installation of tree filters by ECCD will be a part.

6. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Key individuals in East Lyme met with staff from USGS to discuss next steps in the re-establishment of the Latimer Brook stream gauge.
- b. Watershed Signs: John Jasper reported that efforts to install "Entering the Niantic River Watershed" signs along main roads throughout the watershed are moving forward. Ruth Savalle reported that the Salem First Selectman has indicated his support of the sign installation, but cannot assist financially. Judy distributed several draft signs prepared by John for Board members to review. Members voted for the sign they liked most. Don Landers made a motion to approve the sign that received the most votes, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes. Discussion followed, including whether to order extra signs to replace any lost or damaged, and also to order extra signs to give to each watershed town hall.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. 501c3: The 501c3 process is moving forward.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila provided a review of the April water quality sampling via email. Stations 5 and 6 on Latimer Brook (upper watershed sites) and the station at the Darrow Pond outlet have been eliminated, as none of those sites indicated any water quality issues. Two sites in Waterford have been added, Oil Mill Brook at Gurley Road, and Stony Brook at Waterford Parkway North. Thank you to Maureen Fitzgerald for her assistance in selecting these sites. Don also reported that he and Judy will be retrieving the Hobo temperature loggers from Cranberry Meadow and Latimer Brooks in the next week. The data will be downloaded by DEEP and then the Hobos will be reset and returned to be redeployed for the summer.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report.
- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in Coordinator's Report. Eric Thomas reported that there is some reprogrammed §319 funding available that needs to be used by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> of this year. Board members made several suggestions for potential projects. Eric also reported that the RFP for the next §319 grant round will likely be announced in the next month.

8. New Business:

- a. Celebrate East Lyme Day: Previously discussed in Coordinator's Report.
- b. Solar Installation Erosion: Don Danila reported that the East Lyme Inland Wetlands Commission has scheduled a Show Cause hearing for the erosion that took place at the solar field project on Walnut Hill Road. He plans to attend and will report back to the Board.
- c. 2015 NEIWPC meeting: Eric Thomas reported that the 2015 meeting will be held in Connecticut. Organizers are looking for locations for field trips.

9. Next meeting: May 1, 2014, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
10. Adjourn: Marvin Schutt made a motion to adjourn at 7:08 PM, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator