



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

May 2, 2013

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 2

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, CT.

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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; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

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 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Marvin Schutt made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of April 4, 2013 Meeting Minutes: A typographical error in the February meeting date was noted under agenda item 3. The correct date was February 7, 2013. A motion was made to approve the minutes, as corrected, by Marvin Schutt, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Turner was not present, so Coordinator Judy Rondeau reviewed the budget. Don Landers made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, report is accepted. Don Landers delivered the Dominion grant funds to Judy.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. She noted that it was a short month as she took a week of vacation mid-month. Judy announced that ECCD and sister conservation district Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District will be holding an Equine Manure Management in Killingworth May 4th and East Lyme horse owners have been invited. Judy reported that with the exception of the informational sign still to be installed, the Colony Road project is essentially wrapped up. The Waterford-East Lyme tree filter project is still on target for the end of this summer.



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6. Old Business:
 - a. Town Appeals: Don Landers reported that East Lyme is waiting for the next budget cycle to request funding from East Lyme. He is still waiting on the FEMA grant announcements for funding requested through that program. Board members discussed the option of pursuing project-oriented funding, especially from diverse sources.
 - b. Audit Committee: The committee has received the financial materials it requested, and will arrange a time to conduct the review.
 - c. Work Plan Review: Don Landers made a motion to move this item to 9b, for more in-depth discussion, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.

7. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. 501c3: With receipt of the Dominion Foundation grant funds, we can move forward with our 501c3 application.
 - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring on Latimer Brook. Don noted that as of the April sampling, we will be collecting our second year of data, and will be able to start making more long term data comparisons. Don has made the Egret Road sampling site permanent. Originally, it had been sampled to tease out changes in nitrate levels between Colony Road and Route 1. Don commented that he has substantial waste chemicals built up. It was decided he would take them to the East Lyme hazardous waste day for disposal. Don also noted that with the Dominion award, we can finish the monitoring QAPP. John Jasper suggested the Monitoring Subcommittee conduct a streamwalk of Cranberry Meadow Brook to look for potential sources of nitrates, and to direct potential actions or implementations. Judy will prepare materials and send out a potential schedule. Members also asked if there had been any follow-up to the Seagrant Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring workshops several NRWC members went to in late 2012. To date, there has been no follow-up from that meeting.
 - c. Education/Outreach Group: There was no activity on the education/outreach front in the past month.
 - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Committee: As previously noted, there has been no information regarding the FEMA grant.

8. New Business:
 - a. Watershed Progress Report: Judy raised the idea of preparing some sort of progress report to use an outreach tool.



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- b. The Patch Outreach Opportunities: Judy suggested using the local Patches to conduct outreach via periodic articles about the watershed, NRWC activities, etc.
 - c. Salem Riparian Corridor Protection: Ruth Savalle updated members regarding this item. It has been put on Salem's agenda for discussion in 2015-2016.
9. Next meeting: June 6, 2013, 6 pm; location to be determined.
- 9b. Work Plan Review: Board members reviewed the goal rankings as revised per discussion at the April 2, 2013 meeting. There was discussion regarding additional activities to be added, and updates made to activities underway or completed. Judy will add a "Completed" section with completion dates at the end of the document. There was discussion regarding a watershed summit at the end of this summer. Camp Niantic was suggested as a possible venue.
10. Adjourn: Don Danila made a motion to adjourn at 7:22 PM, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator