



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

June 6, 2013

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 2

108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, CT.

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July 10, 2014 AT 2:15 AM/PM
Kaitlyn Palmer
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; 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; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of May 2, 2013 Meeting Minutes: A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented by Marvin Schutt, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, 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.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. She has contacted Adam Welchel of The Nature Conservancy, who led a coastal risk workshop with several coastal towns including Waterford and East Lyme. Judy and Don D. installed three temperature loggers in Cranberry Meadow Brook and the tributary from the area where the solar array is proposed. Judy and her ECCD coworker, Matt Snurkowski assisted with the riparian planting at Clark Pond in East Lyme. Judy has reserved a booth at Celebrating East Lyme Day. ECCD will be installing informational signage at Colony Road. Planning has begun for the Waterford & East Lyme (Mago Point and downtown Niantic) tree filter projects.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Town Appeals: No new information.
 - b. Work Plan Review: Judy made revisions based on last month's discussion. Board members requested that a section be added to the end of the Plan to document activities that have been completed.

7. Subcommittee Updates
 - a. 501c3: Dave Turner reported that prior to submitting the Articles of Incorporation, we need to amend the By-Laws to reflect some information required in the Articles. Members reviewed the proposed amendments. Dave Turner made a motion to amend the By-Laws as presented, seconded by Don Danila. Brief discussion followed regarding next steps to move the 501c3 process along, including submitting the Articles of Incorporation and associated fees, and retaining an attorney to assist with the 501c3 application process.
 - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring in Latimer Brook. Don noted that he was able to dispose of used chemicals at the East Lyme Hazardous Waste Day.
 - c. Education/Outreach Group: There was discussion about submitting articles to various news outlets, including local weekly and quarterly newspapers and on-line resources. Judy will determine the level of interest from the publishers and how often we could submit articles.
 - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: No new information.
 - e. Audit Committee: Dave Turner will coordinate a meeting of the committee.
8. New Business:
 - a. Watershed Progress Report: This agenda item was previously discussed under agenda item 6b – Work Plan review.
 - b. Dominion grant task revisions: Judy distributed a revised task list for this grant to reflect that we were not funded for the full amount we requested. Members approved the revised task list by consensus.
 - c. Celebrate East Lyme Day – July 20th: Members discussed informational material to be included this year, including river and bay species for display tanks, water quality monitoring program and results, horse manure management, tree filter projects, and riparian buffers.
 - d. Niantic River Tour: Members discussed a gathering and tour of the river in the summer. Judy will send out an email with some prospective dates.
 - e. Dominion Volunteers: Don Landers reported that the Dominion volunteers will be looking for new volunteer opportunities in 2014 and suggested they could assist with river bio-assessments (RBV).
9. Next meeting: June 6, 2013, 6 pm; location to be determined.
10. Adjourn: Marvin Schutt made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator