



# Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
June 7, 2012, 6:00pm  
914 Hartford Tpk – 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Waterford, CT

FILED IN EAST LYME  
CONNECTICUT  
July 10, 2014 AT 2:15 AM/PM  
*Ruth Savalle, CT*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Elbert Burr, Town of Salem; Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville (appt. pending); Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Chris Tomichek made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila for Don Landers, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of May 3, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Elbert Burr made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Turner reviewed the budget. The current balance is \$2436.39. Ruth Savalle made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Elbert Burr. All in favor, budget is accepted.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. She ordered chemicals and materials to support the water quality monitoring program. The Clark Pond riparian buffer planting took place on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 14 people planted 71 shrubs and trees. An additional planting and invasive plant management will be held in the fall.
6. Old Business:
  - a. Coordinator funding: Dave Turner suggested that Directors revisit their respective towns regarding coordinator funding. Jeff Crouch reported that Montville will not be able to contribute. The Waterford representatives stated they will make arrangements to visit the Waterford First Selectman. The East Lyme representatives will also make an appointment with the East Lyme First Selectman.



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The Salem representatives requested a letter outlining the duties of the coordinator, and how the funding will be used. Judy will draft a letter for them to take to the Town.

## 7. Subcommittee Updates

- a. 501c3: Dave Turner updated the draft Articles of Incorporation. There was discussion about one clause regarding "...carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation...". Directors agreed that the clause should be revised to match our mission.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila reported that he revised several of the monitoring locations to avoid large patches of poison ivy. After discussion at the Monitoring group meeting, he also will collect samples each month rather than every other month. Rather than collect one winter and one summer wet weather sample, he will select one regular monthly sampling date immediately after a storm.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: Judy reported that she is continuing to work on the teacher loan kits for use in the fall. The Montville Middle School is still interested in using the kits. Elbert Burr reported that a Salem teacher is doing water quality assessment with students.

## 8. New Business:

- a. Celebrate East Lyme Day: Discussion took place regarding possible fund-raising activities, including stickers or bottled water to be sold at Celebrate East Lyme Day. Judy will price out magnets and stickers. There was brief discussion regarding an appropriate donation amount for the stickers and water.
- b. Saunders Point Sewer Letter: Directors reviewed a draft letter prepared by Marvin Schutt to send to the Town of East Lyme regarding NRWC support of the future sewerage of Saunders Point. There was brief discussion regarding the link between sewerage and eelgrass abundance and recovery. Rick Kanter mentioned a similar letter prepared by WELSCO that the Board could review for comparison.
- c. Reimbursement Form: Dave Turner reviewed a draft reimbursement form to allow directors (and others) to receive reimbursement for money spent on behalf on the Committee. Dave proposed that any reimbursements under \$100 could be approved by the Chair and the Treasurer, and any reimbursements over \$100 would go to the Board for approval. Rick Kanter made a motion that any reimbursements under \$100 could be approved by the Chair and Treasurer, and that any reimbursements over \$100 need to go to the Board for pre-approval of purchase or approval after purchase. Don Danila seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion passes.
- d. Unilever Grant Funds: Judy asked the Board to assist with the reapportioning of funds obtained from Unilever Corp. NRWC had originally been offered \$4000 for the development of our water quality monitoring program. However, due to



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budget cuts, Unilever awarded NRWC \$1500. \$600 of that grant award was used this past winter to conduct Streamwalk training. Judy asked the Board to approve the disbursement of that amount to ECCD to pay for her staff time to conduct the workshop. She also asked how the Board wanted to use the remaining \$900, since it would not cover all the remaining tasks on the grant proposal. The Board determined that the remainder of the funds should be used to support the aquatic invertebrate assessments (RBV) this summer. Elbert Burr made a motion to transfer \$600 to ECCD for coordinator staff time, and use the remainder of the grant to support RBV, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.

9. Next meeting: The July meeting was scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup>. Because several Directors would not be able to attend due to the proximity of Independence Day, the meeting was rescheduled to July 12, 2012, 6 PM, 914 Hartford Tpk – 2nd Flr, Waterford, CT. Dave Turner made a motion to approve the change of date, seconded by Elbert Burr. All in favor, motion passes.
10. Adjourn: Dave Turner made a motion to adjourn at 8:11 PM, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the motion passes.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator