



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

July 10, 2014

East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 2
108 Pennsylvania Avenue, East Lyme, CT.

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

Excused: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem.

Absent: Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Marc Lafrance, 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 John Jasper, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of June 5, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the June financial report. Don Danila made a motion to approve the financial report as presented, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: This year's Celebrate East Lyme Day is scheduled for July 19th, from 3-9 PM. Anyone who would like to "man" the booth is welcome, as are ideas and materials for displays. Don Landers confirmed that MEL will supply critters and tanks for display. Judy has been participating on the steering committee for a Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Summit that will be held on Friday, July 25th at Goodwin College in East Hartford. NRWC is being listed as a sponsor. Don Danila and John Jasper will both be presenting on the results of water quality sampling in the Latimer Brook watershed. Judy will be presenting on the "how-to's" of bacteria sampling. The Niantic River Kayak

Regatta is scheduled for August 16th. The organizing committee has asked if NRWC would like to set up an information board as part of the education/outreach component. Judy has ordered three Hobo temperature loggers from Onset, Inc. and requested three loggers from DEEP. DEEP will contact Judy when loggers are available. Over the next month, Judy will begin to plan Latimer Brook stream walks. Don Landers commented that the Dominion Millstone Environmental Stewardship team may be interested in participating in streamwalks. Judy has not heard back from East Lyme High School regarding a potential stormwater management project there. The Mago Park riparian buffer planting was completed in June. Dan Mullins has been watering the planting every few days, and everything looks good. Planning on the Waterford and East Lyme tree filter installations is proceeding. Eric Thomas commented that CT DEEP anticipates posting the 2014 CWA §319 RFP in the near future. Members reviewed the draft newsletter and water quality monitoring summary and made a few suggestions/ revisions.

6. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Don Landers noted that funding for the Latimer Brook stream gauge has been approved. Dave Turner asked what the Committee can do to support the Town of Montville.
- b. Watershed Signs: Judy Rondeau reported that plans to install watershed signs at key points along main roads throughout the watershed have come somewhat to a standstill. Marybeth Hart of CT DEEP had contacted CT DOT to determine next steps, and DOT appointed her the “point person” for the project. Judy has not contacted Marybeth to determine if she is willing and able to take on this unexpected charge.
- c. Celebrate East Lyme Day: Previously discussed in the Coordinators’ report.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. 501c3: Dave Turner reported that our filing with the Secretary of the State has been accepted and we are now officially incorporated. There was a correction needed on the tax payer identification number paperwork. Dave has submitted the necessary paperwork, and we are waiting for the correction to be made. We will continue to work with the accountant to prepare and submit the 501c3 application. There was brief discussion regarding transitioning accounts from ECCD to NRWC. It was decided to continue to partner with ECCD until the 501c3 process has been completed. Several members suggested we prepare an organizational guide with important dates and procedures that need to be completed annually, such as the filing of annual reports with the State.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila reviewed the June water quality sampling results. Water temperatures were generally only slightly warmer than in May. Dissolved oxygen was at or near saturation levels. Nitrate concentrations increased slightly at Station 1 on Latimer Brook and at Oil Mill Brook, and decreased slightly or remained similar at all other Latimer Brook stations, Cranberry Meadow Brook and Stony Brook. Don presented the powerpoint on Stream Water Quality Monitoring that he has prepared for the WQM conference later

this month. Members shared comments and observations. Don also clicked through John Jasper's presentation on stream temperature mixing and nutrient flux.

- c. Education/Outreach Group: Reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
 - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
8. New Business:
- a. CT Volunteer Water Quality Monitoring Conference Presentations: Reviewed in item 7b above.
 - b. Disbursement from Dominion Grant to ECCD for Coordinator Services: Dave Turner made a motion to reimburse ECCD for coordinator services for the 2nd quarter of 2014 (April, May, June), seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
9. Next meeting: August 7, 2014, at 6 pm, at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
10. Adjourn: Don Landers made a motion to adjourn at 7:32PM, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator

