



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
August 1, 2013  
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  
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson Marvin Schutt called the meeting to order at 5:55 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Marvin Schutt made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of July 11, 2013 Meeting Minutes: John Jasper made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the budget. Judy Rondeau requested a motion to reimburse ECCD for coordinator services for the first quarter of the current funding. Dave Turner made a motion to reimburse ECCD for coordinator's services for the first quarter, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy, John Jasper and Ruth Savalle attended Celebrate East Lyme Day on July 20<sup>th</sup>, handed out brochures and educational material, and promoted the watershed committee and current activities to booth visitors. Judy has completed streamwalk maps for Latimer Brook and Cranberry Meadow Brook and will schedule streamwalks for the two streams. Judy will also begin planning and scheduling RBV sampling. Judy announced that the closing date for 2014 Clean Water Act §319 grant proposals is September 30<sup>th</sup>, and solicited ideas for potential Niantic watershed projects. Judy also received an announcement regarding the upcoming America the Beautiful grant round offered through CT DEEP Forestry Division. She would like to put together an application with the Town of Waterford for a riparian buffer demonstration project. Planning for the next two tree filter installations is in progress. Tidal influences at Mago Point may make siting the tree filter units a challenge.

6. Old Business:
  - a. Town Appeals: No new information. After brief discussion it was decided to broaden this item and change the item name to Town Matters.
  - b. NRWC Picnic – Sat. Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Discussion took place finalizing plans for the upcoming trip on the Niantic River.
  - c. New Directors: There are currently a few vacancies on the Board to fill, including a director and an alternate for Salem and an alternate for Waterford. Several suggestions were made for potential directors.
  
7. Subcommittee Updates
  - a. 501c3: Dave Turner updated the Board on the status of the 501c3 application. Doug Lawson will speak with an acquaintance regarding a review of the 501c3 application paperwork. The application for incorporation is ready to be submitted to the state.
  - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring in Latimer Brook. The temperature loggers in Cranberry Meadow Brook should be checked to make sure they survived heavy rains earlier this summer. As previously reported, streamwalks and RBV can be scheduled at any time. Marvin reported that an acquaintance informed him of muddy flow in Cranberry Meadow Brook.
  - c. Education/Outreach Group: There is no new information to report on this item.
  - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Previously discussed.
  - e. Audit Committee: The audit committee will try to schedule a meeting with the treasurer mid-August.
  
8. New Business:
  - a. Latimer Brook Stream Gauge: John Jasper reported that there has been interest among numerous individuals, including Chris Murphy and Ed Jutila, in preserving the stream gauge for emergency management purposes. John also reported that there has been discussion about a potential conservation easement along the east side of Latimer Brook, just north of RT 1.
  
9. Next meeting: September 5, 2013, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
  
10. Adjourn: Ruth Savalle made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator