



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

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Minutes  
NRWC Board of Directors  
August 2, 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  
*Walter J. Turner*  
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

Excused: Elbert Burr, Town of Salem; Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville (appt. pending); Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission alternate Peter Harris, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of July 12, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Turner reviewed the budget. Ruth Savalle made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, budget is accepted. Discussion followed regarding disbursement of the Salem NRWC contribution to the Eastern Connecticut Conservation District to pay for the watershed coordinator's staff time. Dave Turner made a motion to disburse funds to ECCD to pay for the watershed coordinator's staff time, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.

Don Landers requested an accounting of the coordinator's activities and hours to demonstrate to the Towns when requesting funding support how the funding will be used. Judy will include an accounting of expended time with her monthly Coordinator's Report.

5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. Along with several members of NRWC, Judy attended Celebrate East Lyme Day. The Millstone Environmental Lab generously supplied aquatic critters and tanks for the event, which were a hit with the public and a great draw for the booth. Five folks signed up

to participate in upcoming water quality monitoring programs. Judy continued to work on organizing aquatic invertebrate surveys (RBV), and supporting the on-going Latimer Brook water quality monitoring program. Judy also noted that an ECCD stormwater implementation project on Colony Road in East Lyme is moving forward, and is targeted for installation this fall. This project is included in the NRWC 2012 Plan of Work.

#### 6. Old Business:

- a. Establishment of bank account/transfer of funds: Treasurer Dave Turner reviewed several banks as potential candidates to open a NRWC account. Dave queried the Board as to whether we should open an account or wait until we have obtained our 501c3 designation. Consensus was to wait until the 501c3 has been finalized.
- b. Saunders Point Sewer letter: Marvin Schutt reported that he has been in communication with Water & Sewer Commission staff person Brad Kargl. It is Marvin's impression that recent discussions have resulted in the proper connections being made to move this topic forward with the appropriate Town and State personnel and agencies. Marvin will work with Rick Kanter to revise a letter of support for the sewerage of Saunders Point from NRWC. Don Landers stated he would draft a similar support letter from East Lyme Harbor Management. Judy reported a phone call she had from a resident of Morten Street, who wanted to know about the possible sewerage of her neighborhood. Board members suggested Judy have her contact Brad Kargl at the Town of East Lyme.
- c. Salem Thank you Letter: Judy distributed a draft thank you letter to the Town of Salem for Directors to review, and will distribute a digital copy as well. She has requested Directors send any comments or revisions to her.
- d. Waterford Appeal Letter: The Waterford directors reviewed the appeal letter and sent comments to Judy. Judy will revise and send back to the Waterford reps for discussion with the town.

#### 7. Subcommittee Updates

- a. 501c3: The draft Articles of Incorporation were sent out to the Board for review and comment. As no comments were received, Judy will submit the draft Articles to Attorney Branse for his review.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila conducted sampling on July 27<sup>th</sup>. He emailed the results to the group for review. The group discussed the recent algae bloom in the Golden Spur. John Jasper suggested that East Lyme High School students should be notified of the water quality monitoring program. Don Landers reported that eelgrass populations in the river that were very sparse in June have completely collapsed in July. The only surviving plants are near the causeway. He also reported that CT DEEP has approved the Dominion Niantic River and Bay Monitoring Plan, and that it was determined that funding the USGS Niantic stream

gages for the next 6 months was the highest priority. Water samples that have been collected over the last year will not be analyzed until next year.

- c. Education/Outreach Group: Judy reported that with the end of summer fast approaching, she will finish work on the teacher loan kits and contact the teachers who expressed interest in using them. Marvin said he would try to reconnect with Stuart Mattison. Eric Thomas suggested the NRWC website could be used to post seasonal information such as wise water, water conservation and so on. Don Landers stated water quality monitoring results should be posted on the website. John Jasper noted that any updated presentations should also be updated on the website.
- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Eric reported that the US EPA Clean Water Act §319 grant program applications are due on September 15th

8. New Business:

- a. Dave Turner announced that next month (September) will probably be the last month we will be able to meet at the Chamber of Commerce. Brief discussion was held regarding alternate locations.

9. Next meeting: September 6, 2012, 6 pm, at 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford, CT.

10. Adjourn: Dave Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator