



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

September 5, 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; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford; 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; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: John Jasper made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of August 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes: Don Danila made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the budget. Don Danila made a motion to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy is in the process of verifying RBV locations, getting property owner permissions and assigning sites to volunteers. Upcoming grant opportunities include CWA §319 NPS grant program, America the Beautiful (US Forest Service) and the CT Dept. of Agriculture's Agriculture Viability grant. Judy would like to submit an America the Beautiful proposal for a riparian buffer demonstration project in Waterford, and has approached the Town of Waterford to determine level of interest. Judy suggested developing a proposal for the Ag Viability grant similar to a project conducted by Harbor Watch in Westport regarding storm drain contamination in shellfish beds. Judy has been invited to participate in a Mago Point planning charrette in September. She will also be taking some water depth measurements in the storm drains at Mago Point to determine if tidal influence will affect the proposed tree filters.

6. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: No updates.
 - b. 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. Ruth Savalle spoke with the Montville first selectman, and will ask if any Inland Wetland Commissioners are interested.

7. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. 501c3: Dave Turner updated the Board on the status of the 501c3 application. Doug Lawson spoke with an acquaintance, who had a list of questions regarding the application for the articles of incorporation. It appears we have addressed all the major points. Dave and Doug will meet with Doug's friend to discuss next steps. A question was raised about the disposition of any balance in the Committee's accounts if NRWC dissolved. The Board will revisit this question in the future.
 - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring in Latimer Brook. Water levels were generally low. Judy previously updated the Board regarding the status of RBV.
 - c. Education/Outreach Group: Eric Thomas is preparing an article regarding the Niantic River watershed for the upcoming issue of the *Sound Outlook*.
 - d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Directors discussed potential grant proposals, including identifying direct stormwater discharges, stormwater management at the Grand Street (East Lyme) outlet, in conjunction with a boat launch improvement project, and DNA tracking of bacteria from stormwater outfalls to identify and target host species, especially in shellfish bed areas.
 - e. Audit Committee: The audit committee will try to meet with the treasurer this month.

8. New Business:
 - a. CT Department of Agriculture's Farm (Agriculture) Viability grant program: Previously discussed.

9. Next meeting: October 3, 2013, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

10. Adjourn: Don Danila made a motion to adjourn at 7:09 PM, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator