



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
October 3, 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)
T. Allen Galtman
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

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; 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; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford.

1. Call to Order: Vice-Chairperson Marvin Schutt called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Rick Kanter. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Extreme Weather and Climate Preparedness – Adam Whelchel, The Nature Conservancy. Adam Whelchel, Director of Science at The Nature Conservancy, reviewed the objectives and outcomes of the *Eastern Connecticut Risk & Vulnerability Assessment Workshop* conducted in Waterford and East Lyme in early 2012. The purpose of the workshops was to conduct rapid risk and vulnerability assessments of coastal hazards in each participating municipality. Adam shared the reports for the Waterford and East Lyme workshops, including salt marsh advancement zone assessments for each town, and discussed opportunities for TNC and NRWC to work together to build upon work done during the vulnerability assessments. Judy will follow up with Adam to discuss potential collaborations.
4. Review and Approval of September 5, 2013 Meeting Minutes: Dave Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the monthly financial report provided by ECCD. Don Landers made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.

6. Coordinator's Report: Judy participated in a planning charrette conducted by the Town of Waterford Planning Department for a proposed Mago Point redevelopment on Sept. 11th. She reported that RBV sampling has begun. Several sites have been sampled and Judy is in the process for obtaining permissions for others. She and Don Danila retrieved the Hobo temperature loggers from Cranberry Meadow Brook. They will be returned to CT DEEP for data retrieval. DEEP will reset the loggers and return them to NRWC for redeployment over the winter. The Town of Waterford has expressed support for a demonstration riparian buffer project at Mago Point. Judy will prepare an application through the America the Beautiful Urban Forestry grant program. Judy also spoke with Dick Harris of Earth Place about a grant they recently received through the CT Department of Agriculture Agricultural Viability grant program to track and identify storm drain contamination to shellfish beds. Judy and Dave Turner measured high tide water depths in catch basins at Mago Point to determine whether high tide water levels would interfere with the proposed Mago Point tree filters. It did not appear that normal high tides would backflow and inundate the tree filters.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Town Matters: Don Landers reported that discussions between the Town of East Lyme and USGS regarding the re-establishment of the Latimer Brook stream gauge look promising. He will continue to monitor the situation and keep the Board updated.
 - 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 will continue to inquire among Salem land-use commissioners. A suggestion was made to put an article in local newspapers requesting volunteers. Dave Turner offered to follow up with Montville land-use commissioners.
8. Subcommittee Updates:
 - a. 501c3: Dave Turner updated the Board on the status of the 501c3 application. Dave met with the acquaintance of Doug Lawson's who is a CPA. It appeared from that meeting that material we have prepared thus far is in good order. The CPA will proceed with filing the incorporation application and begin preparing the 501c3 application.
 - b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring in Latimer Brook. Don reported obtaining the highest nitrate levels thus far at Egret Dr. Problems encountered with the pH sensor last month were resolved. Don also reported that he and two volunteers collected RBV samples from two sites on Latimer Brook.
 - c. Education/Outreach Group: Don Danila commented that the stream corridor behind the IGA Plaza in Flanders would be a good spot to conduct a stream clean-up. Don Landers noted that that would be a good project for high school students to fulfill their community service requirement. Marvin offered to

connect with the environmental science teacher to gauge the level of interest for such a project.

- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Judy updated directors about the status of grant opportunities in the Coordinator's Report.
 - e. Audit Committee: The audit committee met on October 1st. They determined that once the Committee obtains 501c3 status and begins to manage their own finances (currently managed by ECCD on behalf of the Committee), they will meet regularly. Additional discussion points are included in a summary report of the Oct. 1st meeting.
9. New Business:
- a. ECCD Coordinator Services: Don Landers made a motion to authorize the transfer of \$1750 from the Dominion Foundation grant to ECCD for 2nd quarter (July-September) Coordinator services, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
10. Next meeting: November 7, 2013, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.
11. Adjourn: Dave Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 PM, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,



Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator