



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes
NRWC Board of Directors
December 6, 2012, following Annual Meeting
914 Hartford Tpk – 2nd Flr, Waterford, CT

FILED IN EAST LYME
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July 10 2014 AT 8:30 AM/PM
Kevin G. Feltro, Jr.
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; John Jasper, 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; 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; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; Marvin Schutt, Town of East Lyme.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: Don Landers made a motion to seat East Lyme alternate Don Danila, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of October 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Dave Turner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Landers. All in favor, the motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dave Turner reviewed the budget. Don Landers made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, report is accepted.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy reviewed her activities for the previous month. Judy submitted a letter of support on behalf of NRWC to Don Landers for the FEMA Community Resilience grant application to maintain the USGS stream gauge on Latimer Brook. She attended the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group meeting in October, and reported on water quality monitoring in Latimer Brook. The opportunity also came up to discuss partnering with Jamie Vaudrey of UConn and Fred Grimsey of Save-the-River-Save-the-Hills to conduct O₂ monitoring in the upper Niantic River in 2013. Judy prepared and submitted a report to EPOC per the grant requirements summarizing the results of the Latimer Brook water quality sampling. Judy also updated the Board on ECCD grant projects in the Niantic River watershed.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Saunders Point Sewer letter: Rick Kanter read a draft letter regarding the sewerage of Saunders Point to the Board. After brief discussion, Don Landers made a motion

to submit the letter to the Town of East Lyme, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the motion passes.

- b. Town Appeals: Don Landers reported that Paul Formica is willing to support the NRWC Coordinator in the 2013-2014 budget. Chris Tomichek and Doug Lawson will meet with Dan Stewart to discuss Waterford's contribution. Don Landers reported that he submitted the FEMA Community Resiliency grant by the October deadline. He has not heard back regarding the results. The grant application included funding for the watershed coordinator. Don also commented that it is time to start preparing the Dominion grant application.
- c. Audit Committee: Don Landers and Rick Kanter have volunteered for the Audit Committee (thank you!).
- d. Watershed Brochure: Subsequent to the October Board meeting, Judy made some tweaks to the draft brochure and sent it out to the Directors for final review. The Grants/Funding Subcommittee will look for funding to print brochures for future outreach and distribution.
- e. Landmark Development Corp. Application: Directors briefly discussed the Landmark Development Corp.'s application to the East Lyme Sewer and Water Commission. Rick Kanter offered to draft a letter to the Town on behalf of the Watershed Committee. Chris Tomichek suggested someone from the Board should attend the public hearing.

7. Subcommittee Updates

- a. 501c3: Dave Turner stated that there is no progress to report on this item.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila updated the Board on the water quality monitoring and RBV sampling on Latimer Brook. Brief discussion took place regarding the need to develop a QAPP for water quality sampling. Don Danila mentioned the upcoming SeaGrant/LISS volunteer water quality monitoring meeting. One of the topics will be a blanket QAPP for volunteer monitoring. Several board members plan to attend.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: John Jasper presented a power point regarding the results of his calculations on N flux in Latimer Brook based on stream temperature and conductivity. Judy will post the presentation on the NRWC website. John reported that he was unsuccessful in his attempts to get East Lyme High School students interested in the water quality data. Dave Turner asked whether the Monitoring subcommittee had considered conducting bacteria sampling on Cranberry Meadow Brook as a check on livestock as the source of N. Don Danila commented that N doubles between the dam and Colony Road, not surprisingly since this is where housing density is greatest. There was brief discussion about conductivity, and whether conductivity would go up in the winter.

- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: This subcommittee has not yet met.
8. New Business: No new business was discussed.
9. Next meeting: January 3, 2013, 6 pm, at 914 Hartford Turnpike, Waterford, CT.
10. Adjourn: Dave Turner made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 PM, seconded by John Jasper.
All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator