



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

February 6, 2014

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
Karin Wilcox, etc
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Don Danila, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; John Jasper, Town of East Lyme; Rick Kanter, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville; 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: Jeff Crouch, Town of Montville; Don Landers, East Lyme Harbor Management; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

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 for Don Landers, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes. Ruth Savalle made a motion to seat Waterford-East Shellfish Commission alternate Peter Harris for Rick Kanter, seconded by Marvin Schutt. All in favor, motion passes.
3. Review and Approval of December 5, 2013 and January 2, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Marvin Schutt made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Don Danila. All in favor, motion passes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reported that he had a question regarding the financial report that he had not had time to pursue. He requested that the approval of the report be tabled pending further review. Ruth Savalle made a motion to table approval of the financial report pending further review, seconded by John Jasper. All in favor, motion passes.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy revised the draft annual summary in response to comments received. Judy participated in a conference call with Eric Thomas of CT DEEP and planning staff from the Town of Waterford regarding the development of a Letter of Interest for the US EPA's Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance program. Subsequent to the call, Waterford Planner Dennis Goderre prepared the Letter of Interest, which would involve the creation of a green infrastructure and resiliency tool

box, initially focusing on the Niantic River watershed. Meghan Ruta of CT DEEP distributed preliminary 2013 RBV results. The final 2013 report should be out in early spring 2014. Judy has been working with Maureen Fitzgerald from the Town of Waterford to identify additional locations for water quality monitoring in the Oil Mill and Stony Brook watersheds. Judy has been preparing the Dominion Foundation proposal for funding for 2014-2015. She has also identified some small grants that may be useful to supplement projects identified in the Dominion proposal. Judy was notified in December that the America the Beautiful grant proposal to CT EEP Forestry Division was approved. Planning has begun on the ECCD Waterford-East Lyme tree filter project.

6. Old Business:

- a. Approval of Articles of Incorporation: In January, Dave Turner distributed a copy of the revised Articles of Incorporation to directors for review. These revisions were made at the suggestion of Welles Gilmartin, the CPA who has been assisting with the filing. Rick Kanter arrived during discussion on this item. Don Danila made a motion to seat Peter Harris for Doug Lawson, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes. Following discussion regarding the revisions, Marvin Schutt made a motion to accept the proposed revisions to the Articles of Incorporation as amended to 2/6/14, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, motion passes.
- b. Town Matters: Chris Tomichek reported that Don Landers and Dick Morris met with East Lyme First Selectmen Paul Formica to discuss the funding of the USGS stream gauge at Latimer Brook through the budgets of their respective commissions. Marvin reported that he met with Representative Ed Jutila during his recent office hours to discuss NRWC activities and also the need for sewerage at Saunders Point. Don Danila reported that an RFP by the Town of Waterford for a stream Bioassessment was recently awarded.
- c. New Directors: The Board continues to have vacancies for one full director and 2 alternate directors.
- d. Watershed Signs: John Jasper has been in contact with both Waterford First Selectman Dan Steward and East Lyme First Selectman Paul Formica. Both support the installation of "Entering the Niantic River Watershed" signs on select main roads. Brief discussion followed regarding an appropriate graphic for the signs.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. 501c3: This was previously discussed under Old Business.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don Danila briefly reviewed the results of the January water quality monitoring.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: Judy previously reviewed current Education/Outreach activities in the Coordinator's Report. Eric commented that May 24th has been designated Migratory Fish Day, and although the alewife run will have been completed by then, we might want to consider some sort of event at the Latimer Brook fish ladder, perhaps in partnership with the DEP Fisheries Division.

d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Judy previously updated the Board in the Coordinator's Report.

8. New Business:

a. 2014 Meeting Schedule: Judy distributed a meeting schedule for 2014.

9. Next meeting: March 6, 2014, 6 pm; East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT.

10. Adjourn: Marvin Schutt made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 PM, seconded by Ruth Savalle. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator