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Minutes

NRWC Board of Directors

April 2, 2015, following USGS Pine Grove Study Presentation (6 pm)

Public Meeting Room

East Lyme Police Department

278 Main Street, Niantic, CT.

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; Ruth Savalle, Town of Salem; Chris Tomichek, Town of Waterford; Eric Thomas, CT DEEP; David Turner, Town of Montville; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator; Tom Bowen, Oakdale resident; Maureen Fitzgerald, Town of Waterford; Mary-Beth Hart, CT DEEP; Aaron Pauley, Niantic resident; Fran Violante, Waterford resident.

Excused: Ralph Bates, Town of East Lyme; Peter Harris, Waterford-East Lyme Shellfish Commission; Doug Lawson, Town of Waterford.

Absent: Marc Lafrance, Town of Montville.

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Chris Tomichek called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.
2. Seating of Alternates: There were no alternates present.
3. Review and Approval of February 5, 2015 Meeting Minutes: Don Landers made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes. There were no minutes from the March 5th meeting, which was cancelled due to a winter storm.
4. Treasurer's Report: Dave Turner reviewed the financial report. The financial report was accepted by consensus. Regarding the additional funds ECCD received from Dominion Foundation on behalf of NRWC, Dave Turner asked for verification that the funds were to be used to conduct a "brick and mortar" project. Don Landers confirmed that Dominion Foundation intended the funds to be used for an implementation project in the Niantic watershed.
5. Coordinator's Report: Judy has added additional content to the NRWC website, including noteworthy local news articles. She has been invited to participate again this year in the East Lyme Stormwater Classroom event at the Hole in the wall on May 12th. Judy and Don retrieved the temperature loggers from Cranberry Meadow Brook and the unnamed tributary downstream of the solar site. They were not able to retrieve the loggers from Latimer Brook because the campground was closed. Judy submitted a

proposal for funding for 2015-2016 to Dominion Foundation. The proposal included a request for funding to install two rain gardens, as well as programmatic support. Judy and East Lyme Town Engineer Victor Benni met with East Lyme school officials and received permission to install a bio-retention project at the East Lyme High School. Judy also proposed a possible CWA §319 stormwater infiltration project at the high school. Judy was notified that we were not selected to receive funding from SWEP for continuous dissolved oxygen monitoring in the Niantic River. The Niantic Streetscape project began on March 31st. Four tree filters will be installed as part of that project. The Mago Point redevelopment project is projected to start in spring 2016. Up to six tree filters will be installed as part of that project.

6. Old Business:

- a. Town Matters: Don Landers reported that funding for the Latimer Brook stream gage has been eliminated in the proposed East Lyme budget. Tom Bowen suggested approaching New London Water Co. to see if they would be interested in assisting, as the upper Latimer Brook watershed is part of the New London public drinking water supply. Ruth Savalle informed the Board that the Town of Salem has recently approved an aquifer protection overlay zone in the Eight Mile watershed, and would like to extend similar protections town-wide to include the Niantic watershed. Directors discussed whether to send letters to the watershed towns to request financial support for watershed programs, including the stream gage.
- b. Watershed Signs: Judy will follow up with an alternate contact at CT DOT to discuss installation of the watershed signs.
- c. Plan of Work Update: Approval of the Plan of Work was tabled to the May meeting. Directors were asked to review the Plan prior to that meeting.
- d. Latimer Brook Stream Gage Funding: Previously discussed in Town Matters.
- e. Election of Officers: Don Landers made a motion to nominate Don Danila for Treasurer, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, motion passes.

7. Subcommittee Updates:

- a. 501c3: We are awaiting notification from the IRS that our application has been approved.
- b. Monitoring Group: Don sent this month's results out via email for review. Remaining discussion was tabled pending the meeting of the Monitoring Subcommittee in May.
- c. Education/Outreach Group: Reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.
- d. Grant Review/Fundraising Subcommittee: Reviewed in the Coordinator's Report.

8. New Business: Directors welcomed Tom Bowen of Montville and Fran Violante of Waterford, who have expressed interest in joining the Board of Directors.

9. Public Comments: None.

10. Next meeting: May 7, 2015, at 6 pm, at the East Lyme Town Hall, 108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT. Don Landers stated that the meeting room at the new Charter Oak Credit Union building in Waterford is now available for use. He will check on availability.

11. Adjourn: Rick Kanter made a motion to adjourn at 8:23 PM, seconded by Dave Turner. All in favor, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Judy Rondeau
Watershed Coordinator

