



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

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## **Minutes**

**Niantic River Watershed Committee  
Monitoring Subcommittee Meeting  
July 10, 2014, 5 - 6 pm  
East Lyme Town Hall, Conference Room 2  
108 Pennsylvania Ave, Niantic, CT**

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Sept 25, 2014 AT 1:40 AM/PM  
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EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

Attendees: Don Danila, Don Landers, Eric Thomas, Chris Tomichek, Dave Turner, Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator.

1. Welcome - Watershed Coordinator Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 5:07 pm.
2. Review of January 14 and April 8, 2014 Meeting Minutes – The minutes were approved by consensus.
3. Water Quality Monitoring:
  - a. Latimer Brook Monitoring Program update/Year 2 - Don Danila reviewed the water quality monitoring program. Attention is being focused on lower Latimer Brook and Cranberry Meadow Brook where land uses appear to be contributing NPS to Latimer Brook. After review of the existing sites with the Monitoring Committee, and in consultation with Waterford Land Use Department staff, several sites in the upper Latimer Brook watershed, where no water quality issues were noted, were discontinued, and two sites in Waterford, on Oil Mill Brook and Stony Brook, were added.
  - b. River Bioassessment for Volunteers (RBV) – Brief discussion regarding the upcoming RBV season was held, including searching for different sorting pans without ribs in the base, and scouting for a new site in the upper Latimer Brook watershed.
  - c. Data assessment/evaluation/report - Don Landers stated that it would be beneficial to provide a summary report to the municipalities to keep them updated on our activities. The subcommittee reviewed the draft outline suggested by John Jasper. A simple one-page water quality monitoring summary was suggested as an outreach piece. Chris Tomichek suggested we tie our data to data presented by the Niantic River Nitrogen Work Group.
  - d. Draft QAPP – No progress has been made on the draft QAPP.

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4. Partner Reports – Eric Thomas reported that the 2014 CT DEEP biannual water quality report to Congress should be out for review in the next month or so.
5. Other Business:
  - a. USGS Latimer Brook Gauge status – Don Landers reported that contract between USGS and the Town of East Lyme for the stream gauge has been executed, and that the gauge should be going live shortly.
  - b. Celebrate East Lyme Day Materials – Brief discussion was held regarding the types of outreach material for the water quality monitoring program should be prepared for East Lyme Day. Discussion focused on draft documents for a general NRWC activity summary and a one-page summary of water quality monitoring results. Judy will work on these documents for the upcoming East Lyme Day.
6. Next meeting: October 14, 2014, 4:00 PM, location to be determined
7. Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Judy Rondeau  
Watershed Coordinator