

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Natural Heritage Commission Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2011

Members Present:

Kevin Nelson
Karen Saucier
Mark Carroulo
Lisa Primiano
Larry Taft

Others Present:

Gregg Cassidy
Allison Logan

Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM.

1. Review of meeting minutes of July 20, 2011, July 21, 2011, and July 28, 2011

- Mark Carroulo motioned to approve the minutes from July 20, 2011, July 21, 2011, and July 28, 2011, seconded by Karen Saucier. **Unanimously approved.**

2. Review of Project Scores

There is discussion about significant breaks in the averages. The committee members also discussion whether the total amount allocated should be determined by the amount of money available to award or by a natural and significant break in the averages.

- Kevin Nelson motioned to recommend the Burrillville – Fielding application to the Recreation Resources Review Committee, as the application may better the criteria for a recreational grant. Larry Taft seconded the motion. **Unanimously approved.**

The committee discusses that because the total grant award seems to slightly exceed \$4 million dollars, a wait list for runner-up applicants is not necessary.

3. Approval of final list of recommendations to the Natural Heritage Preservation Commission

- Larry Taft motions to recommend the following 14 projects to the Natural Heritage Preservation Commission:
 - a. Audubon Society of Rhode Island – Quaiapen

- b. North Smithfield Land Trust/Town – Booth Pond
- c. Charlestown Land Trust – YMCA (Watchaug Pond)
- d. The Nature Conservancy – Riihonen
- e. Town of Johnston – Vacca
- f. Barrington Land Conservancy Trust – Stanley
- g. South Kingstown Land Trust – Wells Farm
- h. Tiverton Open Space Commission – Baier
- i. Tiverton Land Trust – Clark
- j. Gloucester Land Trust – O’Donnell
- k. Aquidneck Land Trust – St. Mary’s Church
- l. Narrow River Land Trust – GSRI
- m. Westerly Land Trust – GSRI
- n. Town of Coventry – Beaudoin

The motion is seconded by Kevin Nelson. **Unanimously approved.**

4. Other Business

Lisa Primiano informs the committee that anyone interested in accompanying her to the Natural Heritage Preservation Commission Meeting is welcome to, and that she will confirm the date with an email.

Motion to Adjourn by Larry Taft, seconded by Kevin Nelson.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 AM.