



**Governor's Advisory Committee on
Natural Heritage Preservation**

Meeting Minutes

January 9th, 2018 at 10am

Conference Room 320 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI



Members present: **Caitlin Chaffee, Wenley Ferguson, Michelle Sheehan, Kevin Nelson, Larry Taft**

Members absent: **Mark Carroulo, Sheila Dormody**

Staff present: **Paul Jordan**

Meeting called to order at 10:04.

1. Introductions, welcome new members
2. A brief discussion about election of a chair. On a motion from K. Nelson and a second by C. Chafee, the Committee voted unanimously to appoint M. Sheehan as chair.
3. Review of 2014 grant round projects: brief summary by M. Sheehan of the status of the 2014 round of applicants. These grants are either closed out or cancelled, except for a complicated set of grants to the City of Warwick.
 - a. 21 requests for grants, 18 projects funded, 12 projects closed, 2 outstanding
 - b. \$3.17 M was expended out of \$3.84 M awarded
 - c. We have just over \$5M available in the Local Open Space bond accounts
4. Review of revised Rules & Regulations, Application, and Scoring Criteria. Brief summary.
5. Grant Requests: review, discussion, and scoring of the grant proposals.
 - a. Town of Cumberland – Mercy Woods
 - b. Town of North Smithfield - Gold
 - c. Audubon Society of RI - Brien
 - d. City of Warwick – Little Rhody Beagle Club
 - e. Aquidneck Land Trust - Silvia
 - f. Town of Bristol – Creek Lane
5. Other Business – brief discussion about the possibility of adding water quality into the scoring criteria

Motion to adjourn by M. Sheehan, seconded by K. Nelson.

Meeting adjourned at 12:07

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Sheehan