

**Northern RI Conservation District  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

**Jean called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.**

**In attendance were:**

**Directors-Jean Lynch, Norm Hammond, Marc Tremblay and Paul Dolan – Associate Directors-Eugene Pepper and Cathryn MacDonald – NRCS-Mike Merrill – Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle.**

**Absent were:**

**Director-Bill Colburn – Associate Directors-Val Failla and Ed Baker.**

### **I. Minutes**

**Motion to accept the May 4th meeting minutes. Paul/Norm**

**Unanimous**

## **II. Treasurer's Report**

**The Treasurer's and Financial Reports were distributed.**

## **III. Old Business**

### **a. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program**

**-A well water workshop will be held at Brown Avenue School on June 6th. Jean**

**will be doing the opening comments. Over 50 people have register for the workshop.**

**-Classroom presentations are completed.**

**-There are enough funds in the grant to purchase a printer/scanner and Adobe**

**Pagemaker. Gina will be meeting with Rich Blodgett on June 16th.**

**-Outreach Position**

**Kate provided the board with a proposal stating the services she will be**

**providing to the district for the Scituate Education program, indicating that this**

**would be ongoing with an indefinite ending date. The board discussed whether**

hiring Kate is the best use of funds and time or should the district hire someone part time to do the school program.

Motion was made to hire Kate on a trial basis until the end of December, where the board would reevaluate this proposal. Marc/Norm

Unanimous

Gina also brought up that Scott Caldwell, Cumberland Water Supply contacted her with a possible proposal for outreach in Cumberland.

**b. Rain Garden Project Update**

Woonsocket High School students are doing the digging for the garden and

plants will be delivered on the 8th. Ground Works in Providence donated the

use of garden tools. North East Signs of Chepachet are making the signs, each

sign is \$600. The Woonsocket sign is to be installed on June 13th.

Woonsocket will be holding their ceremony on June 17th 9:45-10:30. We are

waiting to hear from Pawtucket about their ceremony.

**c. Curran Park Project**

Gene has received the information for medical insurance for

**FFA and has**

**passed that on to the administration department. The district drafted a proposal that was reviewed and amended as needed.**

#### **IV. Reports**

##### **a. Chair**

**Jean had nothing to report.**

##### **b. NRCS**

**-Joe and Joel are working on getting the Durfee Hill and Buck Hill information revised to go out for bid.**

**-Mike attended the Branch River meeting at the Primrose Firehouse in North Smithfield speaking on aquatic assessment.**

**-Mike reviewed several EQIP projects he is working on requesting board**

**signature. Projects he reviewed:**

**Cranston - Plans for irrigation and pest management**

**Forestry and Wildlife project**

**Scituate - Fix up an 2 access roads**

**Forestry, invasive species and waste storage facility**

**Deer fencing and irrigation line**

**Burrillville-Heavy use pad for beef coves**

**Chepachet-Invasive species problems and soil testing**

**Johnston - Stormwater catch basin and invasives**

**N Smithfield-Wildlife and Forestry**

**RIFCO- Clearing of invasives**

**-The models are being reviewed for the Pocasset River.**

**-They would like to do a fish ladder on the**

**Woonasquatucket River under**

**WHIP. This is not a high priority, but would still like to do.**

**c. Envirothon**

**Narragansett won the competition, with Wheeler III coming in 2nd and**

**Coventry coming in 3rd. There will be a luncheon at the Atwood Grille on**

**June 16th at 1:00.**

**d. RI Association of Conservation Districts**

**-Jean received a letter from Congressmen Chafee thanking her for meeting**

**with him in Washington DC.**

**-A replacement for Ed is needed on the association board.**

**-The districts have asked Judy for \$3,000 to used towards each ones needs**

instead of providing the office with a specific piece of equipment.

**e. Woonasquatucket River Water Council**

-There office has been moved to 27 Sims Street in Providence.

-Eugenia is promoting the Environmental Council's Global Warming

booklet and is distributing to town officials.

-Jean attended a tour of the metals recycling plant.

**f. RC&D**

The program has been fully funded for next year. Gerry Bertrand will

finish up the current projects for this year and a new coordinator will

be hired next fiscal year.

**g. RIFCO**

The spring program at Arcadia Management Area went very well with

about 16 attending. There will be a summer tour in early August on the

2 acre clear cut lot.

**h. District Manager**

**-The 3 districts had a combined display for Ag Day at the State House.**

**Mike Sullivan took part in the program.**

**-The districts went to the State House for a Legislative Day to provide information to the legislators.**

**-Jackie had made up a map indicating projects going on in RI. The districts prefer the original format of this map which clearly shows all that the districts and the partners have accomplished in the state.**

**-The RI Drinking Water Subcommittee met and are interested in packaging the water festival with instructions and lending this out to schools and water supply boards.**

**Motion was made to adjourn Paul/Norm Unanimous**