

**Northern RI Conservation District  
17 Smith Avenue, Greenville-949-1480**

## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2005**

**7:00 PM**

**Jean called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.**

**In attendance were:**

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

**Absent was:**

**Associate Director-Val Failla**

### **I. Minutes**

**Motion was made to accept the August 3rd meeting minutes.**

**Paul/Bill**

**Vote was unanimous.**

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

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

**Motion was made to accept the reports. Paul/Norm**

**Vote was unanimous.**

## **III. Old Business**

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

**-A draft of the 2006 calendar that Kate has been working on was passed around**

**for review. Suggested additions were made to be included in the calendar.**

**-Adobe Page Maker has been installed on the computers, but is not easy to**

**understand the program. We discussed attending training for this. Providence**

**Water has agreed to pay for the training.**

**Motion was made to permit district staff to be out of the office to attend the**

**Page Maker training class at Comp USA. Marc/Paul**

**Vote was unanimous.**

**-The next water quality workshop will be Thursday, November**

**10th at the**

**Ponaganset High School. Alyson and Holly will conduct the workshop.**

**-A stormwater project is being developed on the southwest corner of Routes**

**116 and 6. Gina, Rich, Mike, Alyson and Chris Modisette will be working**

**together on this project. This project was included in the 5yr plan with**

**Providence Water. Included in the project will be BMP's for a created wetland**

**and implementation of demo sites on area businesses and homes to provide**

**education and outreach in the Scituate Watershed. The next meeting will be**

**October 6th in the district office.**

**b. Rain Garden Project**

**Cathy has finished the final reports to those who funded the project. She is**

**working on the brochure and will include this on the website.**

**There was an**

**article in the Narragansett Bay Estuary Journal. Cathy will be contacting**

**Shea High School in Pawtucket regarding their celebration day.**

**c. Curran Park**

Gene reported that they are still waiting to hear from DOA. DEM would like to get started since equipment needs to be ordered immediately.

**d. Annual Dinner**

The board finalized the menu for the annual dinner November 4th. Additional awards to be presented and the keynote speaker for the dinner were discussed.

The board would like to ask Jane Sherman of the Woonasquatucket River

Watershed Council to speak on “Why Should We Rehabilitate the Rivers?”

Gina will contact Jane Sherman.

**e. Marketing Strategy Worksheet**

Gina completed the worksheet as best she could and it was forwarded to Paul

Boisvert of Johnson and Wales University. We should be hearing from the

school soon about having students assist the districts with marketing strategy.

**IV. Reports**

**a. Chair**

Eric and the 3 district chairs met with Mike Sullivan about projects the districts

are working on throughout the state. Mike related his concern over the safety of

dams in the state and discussed how the districts could help with this issue.

NACD reported that none of the districts sent in their dues this year.

It was noted that northern sent their quota in the beginning of this year.

**b. NRCS**

-Roylene is unable to meet with the districts at this time.

-Mike has been busy with several projects in the northern district including emergency ag ponds.

-The RI Rivers Council Watershed Stewardship Workshop will be held in North Kingstown.

-The Farm Tour is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd from 12-4:30.

**c. Envirothon**

Val has left the Envirothon and the committee is looking for a

**new coordinator.**

**Envirothon is also in need of a new aquatics coordinator.**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 14th at 3:00 at Chopmist.**

**Interviews for a new coordinator will be conducted Tuesday, September 27th in the Chopmist office.**

**d. RIACD**

**The 990 is completed and all set. Ted recently attended the Regional Meeting.**

**Ed will resign from the association as soon as someone is will take his place.**

**No one responded at this time.**

**e. Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council**

**There have been no meetings over the summer. The Council has been working**

**on a TAG grant. They have received an anonymous grant of \$60,000 for**

**riparian buffers and wetlands in Johnston, N Providence and Smithfield.**

**Brian Zalewsky, DEM, has compiled data on water sediment tests.**

**The council and NRCS have a tree-planting event at Atlantic Mills on**

**September 23rd and 24th.**

**f. RDC**

**Gerry is still working on RC& D projects and with the dairy farmers. Their meeting is the end of the week.**

**g. RIFCO**

**RIFCO will be offering a 2-day tour prior to the convention in Springfield,**

**MA. They will provide several tours for those attending. Local RIFCO**

**tree farmers are invited to attend the tour at Providence Water and dinner on**

**Federal Hill on Wednesday, September 21st. 30 people have already**

**registered.**

**RIFCO's annual dinner will be Saturday, November 5th at Chelo's in**

**Warwick. They are looking for donations for a silent auction to be held at**

**the dinner.**

**h. RC&D**

**The Southern District would like to take over ERT's in RI. This issue will**

be on RC&D's agenda on Friday.

**i. District Manager**

Gina circulated information on the forestry conference.

**j. State Conservation Committee**

Paul reported that he is on the Agland Preservation Project Subcommittee. The

subcommittee is reviewing a draft of policy for the agland preservation

commission. The next State Committee meeting will be October 26th.

**V. New Business**

**a. Cumberland Project**

Gina has submitted a proposal to Scott Caldwell from Cumberland Water Supply

for outreach and education in the elementary schools. There has been no

response yet.

**b. Board Election and Appointment**

-Paul's position is an appointment and he is willing to continue as a board

member. He will have his signatures returned before the next State Committee



**meeting to be appointed by the State Committee.**

**-Bill is an elected position and will submit his signature papers by the end of**

**October.**

**The elections will be held at the Annual Dinner on November 4th. The**

**announcement for the election will need to go in the newspaper.**

**c. Farm Tour**

**Mike is working on setting up the farm tour for Monday, October 3rd. We will**

**meet at the district office at 12 noon. The board will select one of the farms for**

**'Farm of the Year'. This tour should conclude at 4:00 pm.**

**Motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Bill/Paul Unanimous**