

**Northern RI Conservation District
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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 1, 2006

7:00 PM

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

In attendance were:

**Directors-Jean Lynch, Norm Hammond, Paul Dolan, Marc Tremblay
and Bill Colburn – Associate Director-Cathryn MacDonald –
RC&D-Chris Modisette – Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle.**

Absent were:

Associate Directors-Eugene Pepper, Ed Baker and Val Failla.

I. Minutes

Motion to accept January 4th meeting minutes.

Bill/Paul-Vote-unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's and expense reports were distributed. Motion to accept reports.

Paul/Norm Vote-unanimous.

Motion was made to change the agenda to start with 'New Business'.

Marc/Norm

Vote-unanimous

III. New Business

a. Computer Opportunity

The district has been offered a free computer from NRCS. The computer will be

hooked into Warwick's system. The board discussed whether this is something

they would like. Motion was made to accept the computer from NRCS.

Marc/Paul Vote-unanimous.

IV. Old Business

Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program

-The schools have been contacted to schedule class presentations

for this spring.

-Stormwater project-Holly and Gina have met with 3 landowners in the area

about working with them to implement stormwater practices. Providence

Water will provide water testing on their wells. Cindy Gianfransico, Scituate

Conservation Commission, will be talking to Famous Pizza and the vet. We

would like to have a brochure available in the vet's office and set up a demo

'doggy doody' disposal unit. We are asking the landowners to work with us for

3 years. The subcommittee is also working on designing a sign for each

landowner and would welcome any ideas. The next meeting will be February

22nd at NRCS.

b. Rain Garden

The website has been completed and brought to Mouseworks to put on the web.

Cathryn presented the board with a final draft of the brochure and the board

made a few suggestions for change. Mike is still trying to work on getting the

rain garden project started. He is looking into using CTA fund to cover staff

time and we would need to apply for additional funding for the plants. The

district will ask the State Committee to print the rain garden brochure.

c. Curran Park Project

We have not heard anything regarding this project

d. Pare Engineering

Pare Engineering has asked the district to be a part of the proposal they are

putting in for the Town of Scituate. Kate is interested in assisting the district

with this. The project would need to be completed by December 31st and we

should know if Pare Engineering was chosen late March.

V. Reports

a. Chair

Jean is planning on attending the Legislative Conference in late March. Gina

is assisting Jean in making appointments with the Congressmen.

b. NRCS

February 10th is the deadline for EQIP. They have received over 100

applications for this program. CSP application period is from February 13th – March 31st.

c. Envirothon

The location has been selected for this year's Envirothon on May 18th. Forestry and wildlife workshops will be March 28th.

d. RIACD

The last meeting of the Association was January 9th and they agreed not to host

the 2007 NE Regional Conference. They reviewed the by-laws and have made

some changes. Tom, Ted and Roylene will be attending the Leadership

Workshop February 16th and 17th. The next meeting will be March 13th at 7:30

in the NRCS conference room.

Marc asked if the Association would be able to pay for a booth at the Forestry

and Woodscaping Expo on April 7th and 8th at CCRI in Warwick. This booth

would be for all three districts and the cost of the space is about \$200. It was

suggested that we ask the State Committee if they would absorb the cost.

e. RC&D

Chris Modisette, new RC&D Coordinator, introduced himself to the district

board. Chris distributed a report outlining the projects RC&D are working on.

Chris also reported that RC&D has started working with sheep farmers on a

surplus wool project. The project will connect farmers with the textile market

to spin the wool and make local blankets.

RC&D still has an opening for an appointee from the district to serve on their

board. Motion was made to nominate Paul to the RC&D board. Marc/Jean.

Vote-unanimous.

f. RDC

Gerry has been assisting Chris with RC&D projects. RDC has been involved in

the marketing of local beef.

g. RIFCO

They are continuing the woodland owner workshops on Saturdays. Paul will be doing a demonstration on chain saw safety and Gregg Cassidy will be giving a presentation on alternative forestry products.

h. District Manager

-Gina attended the avian flu workshop at NRCS. They reviewed the need for precaution when going from farm to farm and there is concern about backyard farmers and getting the information to them.

-Gina and Wendy attended the farewell dinner for Justine on behalf of the district.

VI. Other

The Seedling Sale brochure is going to the printers on Friday and out in the mail the end of the month. The distribution dates are April 21st and 22nd. Paul and Marc has volunteered to assist on the Friday.

The Scituate Program still has money for the woodscaping workshops with SNEFCI.

Marc will try to set this up.

Motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm. Bill/Paul Unanimous.