

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

December 6, 2006

6:00 PM

Jean called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

In attendance were:

Directors-Norm Hammond, Marc Tremblay, Jean Lynch and Eugene Pepper. – NRCS-Mike Merrill – Dick Went – Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle.

Absent were:

Director-Paul Dolan – Associate Directors-Cathryn MacDonald and Ed Baker.

I. Minutes

Motion was made to accept the October 4th meeting minutes, Marc/Norm. Vote was unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports were distributed. The board discussed taking some of the funds and putting them into a CD account for 3 months. This would net about 4% interest.

Motion was made to invest \$20,000 into a CD for 3 months, pending Norm's verification; Gene/Marc. Vote was unanimous.

III. Old Business

a. Scituate Education Program

-We having sending out about 100 business bulletins quarterly; but after Gina

did an inventory of businesses in the watershed, it looks like there is an

additional 100 businesses to be added to the mailing list. This year the bulletins

are focusing on stormwater issues.

-Alyson sent a DVD that URI has been working on that includes information from

the well water workshops. Gina was also interviewed for a part of this program.

This will be aired on Channel 18 in January.

-Local schools have been invited to the drinking water week activities at the

Providence Water Treatment Plant in May.

-Gina has begun the classroom education program and will be doing them this

year.

-Chris Modisette has submitted a proposal to the RI Foundation to train forestland

owners in the Scituate watershed and would like the district and RIFCO to

coordinate this effort if RC&D receives the funding.

b. Living on a Waterfront

East Providence has agreed to work with the district in finding an area to do

the workshop. Cindy Gianfrancesco will also be assisting the district.

Marc needs to work with Kate for the workshop in Burrillville.

Cindy Gianfrancesco has asked the district to write a letter of support for

Brownfields remediation.

IV. New Business

a. Purchase of Air Purifier

There is concern that the air quality in the office is poor. There is no way of

getting fresh air to circulate in the office and the district would like to purchase

an air purifier. Gina presented the board with 2 types of air purifiers after

doing extensive research on what would be the best one to purchase.

Motion was made to purchase one large air purifier that would take care of the

whole office, Marc/Gene. Vote was unanimous.

b. DEM Proposal

Gina has been in contact with Sue Kiernan regarding the wetlands project they

would like the district to be involved in. DEM would only want the district to

work on the outreach and education portion of the project and Sue will get back

to Gina whether they want to go ahead and have the district work with them.

c. RIACD Fund Raiser/Directors Insurance

Jean attended the farewell dinner for Vicky Drew which was held at the South

County Land Trust building. Jean feels this would be the perfect location to hold

a dance fund raising event for the association. This would take all the districts

working together and Jean would like to get the districts support in this.

By having the association do the fund raiser, the hope is that the districts would

no longer have to contribute to the association. Jean is looking to hold this event

end of April/early May. The board asked Jean to write a detailed agenda for this

event and the board will review this at the next meeting.

Jean is looking into directors insurance for the association.

d. Rent

The landlord would like to write a new lease with the districts as of January 2007.

The lease for the office is still in RC&D's name. The board looked briefly at the

the lease, but feel they take some more time looking at it before signing. The

board would also like to see the complete lease that was signed with RC&D and will take this up at the next meeting. The landlord would like to raise the rent to \$400/month.

e. Associate Director

Dick Went has been attending district meetings for several months and would like to continue to attend; he has asked the board to consider him as an associate director for the district. Motion was made to accept Dick Went as an associate director to the Northern Conservation District board, Marc/Gene. Vote was unanimous.

V. Other

a. RI League of Cities & Towns Annual Conference

The State Conservation Committee has been paying the fee of the conference for the last 3 years, but feel because of cuts in their budget each district should contribute towards the fee. The board suggested that we ask the association if they

would be willing to pick up the cost of this conference in the amount of \$500.

Jean will email the association board Thursday regarding this.

Motion was made for the Northern District to pay 1/3 (\$166.67) of the amount of the conference if the association decides they do not want to pay for the conference; Gene/Jean. Vote was unanimous.

b. Seedling Sale-deer repellant

NACD sent the district information on a deer repellant for plants. This district

was wondering about offering this at the seedling sale, but Gene noted he needed

check and see if this product is accepted under the RI pesticide laws. Gene will

get back to the office regarding this product.

c. NACD Quota

NACD sent the district a request for their annual support. The district has \$775

budgeted for the quota. Motion was made to send the \$775 of support to NACD,

Marc/Norm. Vote-unanimous.

e. NRCS

Mike asked the board for input regarding questions used for ranking EQIP and WHIP projects.

Motion to adjourn at 7:10 pm, Marc/Jean. Vote-unanimous.