

**Northern Rhode Island Conservation District
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MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2007

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 Eugene Pepper – Associate Director-Dick Went – Staff-Wendy
Hoyle.**

Absent were:

**Associate Directors-Ed Baker and Cathryn MacDonald – Staff-Gina
DeMarco**

I. Minutes

**Motion to accept the December 6th meeting minutes; Paul/Norm.
Vote-unanimous.**

II. Treasurer's Reports

The treasurer's reports were distributed and reviewed.

**Motion was accept to accept the treasurer's reports as presented;
Paul/Norm. Vote
was unanimous.**

III. Old Business

a. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program

**-Invitations went out to schools to participate in the RI Drinking
Water Week**

**celebrations. We have been able to accommodate about 300
students for this**

**event which includes the water festival. We would like to
include more students**

**for the celebration and the tour. We are waiting to hear from
Providence Water**

regarding the capacity of the building.

**-Forms went out to watershed teachers to schedule the
classroom program.**

**-Gina did a drive-by survey of watershed businesses and has
increased the number**

of businesses receiving the bulletin from 100 to 260. Kate is working on

finalizing the business bulletin series on stormwater.

-The district has outreach materials on non-point source pollution at some local

businesses in the watershed. We consistently refill these displays and find that

the rain garden brochures are going very quickly.

-A well water workshop has been planned for March and trying to locate a facility

on the Western Cranston/Scituate line.

b. Lease

The board had tabled reviewing the lease from last month's meeting. The board

reviewed the lease and made some minor adjustments on the first page. It was

decided to have a small subcommittee consisting of Paul, Jean and Wendy to go

over the lease and to check with the insurance company to make sure we are fully

covered.

Motion was made to proceed with signing the lease after the final adjustments and

a review of the insurance coverage are made. This would be contingent on Paul's

and Jean's review; Norm/Jean.

We discussed having a clause stating that the lease would be for 5 years with an

automatic early annual renewal. Motion was made to add this to the previous

motion; Marc/Gene.

Vote was unanimous.

c. Living on a Waterfront

The East Providence Workshop is planned for March. Kate and Marc will meet

regarding the Burrillville workshop. They would like to have a combined

informational meeting on recreational resource and drinking water supply

protection. They plan to have a panel addressing these issues.

The Burrillville

Conservation Commission and the Douglas, MA Conservation Commission will

be working with Kate on this workshop. There is a tentative date of March 29th

at the Burrillville High School.

d. RIACD Fundraiser

The association has not been able to have a meeting so that Jean could present

this idea to. Discussion ensued whether the Northern District would like to take

this on as their fund raiser. Jean presented a summary of the night's agenda and

the need for a facility for the dance fund raiser. Jean would like to do this either

the end of April or beginning of May.

IV. Reports

a. Chair

Jean reported that the association voted to pay the cost of the RI League of

Cities and Town annual convention.

b. RI State Conservation Committee

Dick Went was appointed as the State Committee's representative to the Farm,

Forest and Open Space Land Valuation Subcommittee.

c. NRCS

No report.

d. Envirothon

There will be a meeting next Thursday morning. Norm will be

attending the

National Envirothon meeting in LA in February.

e. RC&D

**January 24th was the promotion of the Rhody Warm Blankets,
which there is still**

some available.

**RC&D has been working with the Division of Forestry on dry
hydrants workshops**

with local fire stations.

f. Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

Jean has been elected secretary for the council.

g. RDC

No report.

h. RIFCO

**RIFCO will be holding Estate Planning workshops with the RI
Land Trust Council.**

**There will be a morning session March 10th at the Canonicus
Conference Center.**

**RIFCO is working on hosting a post and beam workshop in
either the spring or**

summer.

V. New Business

a. Town Funding Requests

Most of the town funding requests have gone out. The remaining ones will be sent out as soon as Gina returns.

b. NACD Annual Meeting

The board members were asked if they would like to attend the meeting this year, but no one is able to attend.

VI. Other

The board questioned whether the district needs to elect a secretary. Wendy will check with the state laws regarding this issue.

Motion was made to adjourn at 8:45 pm; Paul/Gene. Vote was unanimous.