

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, March 7, 2007

7:00 PM

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

In attendance were:

**Directors-Jean Lynch, Eugene Pepper, Marc Tremblay, Paul Dolan
and Norm Hammond – Associate Director-Dick Went – NRCS-Justin
Tuttle – Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle – Guest-Paul Roselli**

Absent were:

Associate Directors-Cathryn MacDonald and Ed Baker

I. Minutes

Motion was made to accept the February 7th meeting minutes as presented,

Marc/Gene. Vote was unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports were distributed. The financial expenses were reviewed

for the remaining of the year and it was decided to roll over \$10,000 of the CD

until mid-June and take out the remaining amount.

III. Paul Roselli-Northern RI Land Trust Consortium

Paul introduced himself to the board and named several councils and commissions he

is involved with. The Northern RI Land Trust Consortium is just newly formed and

has had only 3 meetings so far. Their purpose is to obtain information and resources

to raise funds collectively to purchase lands that runs through several towns. The

Land Trust Consortium plans to have 3-4 meetings a year and plan on handling one

project per year. The board was invited to attend the meetings.

The Burrillville Land

Trust serves as the fiscal agent.

IV. Old Business

a. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program

-This years business bulletin focuses on stormwater management. The first

bulletin for 2007 will be going out next week. 4 bulletins go out to businesses

in the watershed each year and a brief informational bulletin is developed on

each subject.

-The RI Drinking Water Celebration will be held May 8th at the Providence Water

Treatment Plant and we just found out that the district will be able to present the

poster contest winner awards and conduct the water festival.

The fire marshal is

concerned about the number of students in the auditorium where the drama is

usually held and decided that having the drama downstairs and using the

auditorium for the opening ceremony and awards presentation would take care

of the fire marshal's concerns.

-54 Neighbor to Neighbor packets were sent out in the Town of Foster and 75

packets will be going out shortly in the Town of Scituate.

b. Living on a Waterfront

The flyers for the workshops in Burrillville and East Providence have been

mailed and the first ad for Burrillville was in the Bargain Buyer.

Additional ads

and press releases for both towns will be in the papers shortly.

c. Northern District Fund Raiser

Jean has searched the proper avenues for a one-day entertainment license and

a license to sell raffle tickets. The is completed and waiting on the tickets to be

printed.

d. Pocasset Project

The mayor of the Town of Johnston is receptive to the project and has been

given a packet of information. Mayor Napolitano of Cranston has signed the

agreement for the project.

e. CIG Project

The national office has frozen any new agreements. It is

questionable if

this will be accomplished this year.

f. Seedling Sale

Orders have started coming in and volunteers are needed for the distribution

days. Board members signed up to volunteer.

g. Veolia Water

On March 16th, Gina met with Veolia Water and presented them with what the

district does and how we can be of assistance to them with education and

outreach. They were interested in the Pocasset Project. Gina will meet with them

again and the City of Cranston will need to approve any work.

V. Reports

a. The Association is working on getting directors insurance. Jean forwarded

a 'conflict of interest policy' to the board for review.

b. NRCS

Justin attended the meeting for Mike. The conservation report was distributed.

The farm bill has been changed and it looks like all the programs are consolidated into EQIP.

They are still working on revisions for the Pocasset River flood management plan after it went out for national review.

c. Envirothon

The Envirothon will be May 17th and a location has been chosen. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning at 9:30 am.

d. RC&D

They are planning the Northeast Conference that will be held at the Village Inn in Narragansett the 3rd week of October.

RC&D is continuing working with fire departments on dry hydrants and will be doing a chainsaw safety workshop.

e. Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

The council has received over \$8,500 from their letter writing campaign.

They are still working on the bike path but will not be open until the fall.

REI has selected them to receive a grant and will be presented

to them at the
opening day.

f. RIFCO

-This Saturday there will be an estate planning workshop put on by RIFCO, RI

Land Trust Committee and RC&D.

-Their spring workshop is May 12th on Providence Water property in Scituate and

will be working with the Scituate Conservation Commission.

-Howie Fredrickson will be having is open house on March 25th to demonstrate

his wood boiler being used for green houses. He received a CIG to do this project.

-This year's wood and forestry expo will be October 14th. RIFCO is working with the state energy office and it will be held at the Crown Plaza.

h. District Manager

-We have received a request from a Smithfield resident to assist in rain garden

development where there is some water issues. Gina will meet with her.

-Gina will be attending a 'less toxic landscape' workshop on March 12th.

This might be helpful for the Scituate Watershed workshops.

-The three districts has applied for the Citizens Bank-‘Champions in Actions Grant’.

VI. New Business

a. Telephone/Internet Lines

The district is reviewing the costs from Verizon and Cox and will choose the cheapest plan. The district just found out they will also need to pick up the electrical bill. Gina distributed an amended budget to reflect the additional costs.

Motion to accept the FY 07-08 budget as proposed, Marc/Paul. Vote was unanimous.

The Plan of Work was distributed last month with no comments.

Motion to accept the FY 07-08 Plan of Work as presented, Marc/Norm. Vote was unanimous.

VII. Other

a. Lease

A lease with the additions the board wanted was given to the

landlord. The

**landlord's office wanted to retype the lease and we are waiting
for them to do this**

so that it may be signed.

Motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Marc/Paul. Vote-unanimous