

**Northern Rhode Island Conservation District**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2007**

**7:00 PM**

**Jean called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.**

**In attendance were:**

**Directors-Jean Lynch, Norm Hammond, Paul Dolan and Eugene  
Pepper – Associate Director-Dick Went – NRCS-Mike Merrill –  
Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle.**

**Absent were:**

**Director-Marc Tremblay – Associate Directors-Cathryn MacDonald  
and Ed Baker**

**I. Minutes**

**Motion was made to accept the meeting minutes as amended, Paul/Norm. Vote was unanimous.**

## **II. Treasurer's Reports**

**The treasurer's reports were distributed. Motion was made to accept the reports as presented, Paul/Norm. Vote was unanimous.**

## **III. Old Business**

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

**-The Water Festival is Tuesday, May 8th and we are in need of volunteers.**

**-The judging for the poster contest is April 19th.**

**-All the 3rd grades in the watershed have signed to have Gina come do the presentations in their classrooms.**

**-Gina is on the subcommittee for the rules and regulations on drinking water**

**systems. She was asked to comment on the rules and regulations and the board**

**was asked to make any comments they may have. Gina will submit comments to**

**DOH that the board made: the wells should be tested for sodium, chloride and potassium because of the increased incidence of road salt entering wells.**

**-Gina confirmed that the district's name not being included in the advertisement for the healthy landscape workshop was an oversight.**

**b. Living on a Waterfront**

**20 people attended the East Providence workshop with Cindy doing the healthy landscape presentation.**

**The Burrillville workshop saw 64 attending with Burrillville and Douglas**

**Conservation Commissions doing additional education and outreach. There is**

**concern about failing septic systems and the amount of horsepower allowed on**

**boats on the lake, in light of Zamborano Hospital using Wallum Lake for Drinking water.**

**c. NRICD Fund Raiser**

**Jean has received paperwork on charitable gaming and will meet with North**

**Providence council meeting next week. We have received some gift certificates for the raffle.**

**d. Pocasset Project**

**The Johnston mayor has signed the agreement. There is a need for a public meeting to get all the information out. Mike will contact Joe about any updates regarding the project.**

**e. CIG Project**

**The agreement will be signed between NRCS and the State Conservation**

**Committee and the State Committee was told that they need to apply for a**

**DUN number to apply for a government grant.**

**Mike was going look into whether the State Committee still needs to go through this process.**

**f. Seedling Sale**

**The orders have been coming in and we are in need of additional volunteers.**

**IV. Reports**

**a. Chair**

The board heard from Gert that Bill is not doing well and thanked everyone for the cards that have been sent.

**b. NRCS**

-They have received their budget, noting that RI is one of the few states that is in the black.

-There is potential for new initiatives, including open rivers for fish passages nationwide.

-Joel will be leaving and going to the army corps of engineer in Chicago.

-Mike distributed the conservation report.

**c. Envirothon**

They are in need of volunteers for the competition day. The aquatics and soil workshops will be next Friday. They have asked Roylene for 6 people to assist on that day.

**d. RC&D**

There has been no meeting and Gerry is assisting Chris with

**projects.**

**e. Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council**

**The council has planned a clean up on April 21st. EPA will be holding a meeting**

**on April 23rd from 11-4:30 regarding the superfund site and listening to the**

**principle responsible party's recommendations for removal.**

**The council will be having 2 tours on the Woonasquatucket River on Sunday, May**

**6th and May 8th.**

**f. RIFCO**

**85 people attended the estate planning workshop.**

**There will be a tour May 12th on the Peep Toad Reservoir.**

**The Wood and Forestry Expo will be Sunday, October 14th.**

**g. District Manager**

**Gina will be attending the Low Impact Development workshop on April 24th at**

**DEM. Marc is interested in attending.**

**V. New Business**

**a. Stormwater Grant**

**The district has received the DEM stormwater grant. We still**

**need to find out**

**the scope of work for the project. Providence Water will be providing the land**

**for the project and NRCS will assist with engineering.**

## **VI. Other**

**We have received information from our workmen's comp insurance state that we**

**need to put the officers on the policy, which costs the district additional monies.**

**The board would like to investigate this further.**

**The board has asked Kate to complete an independent contractor form.**

**Motion was made to adjourn at 8:35 pm, Norm/Paul. Vote was unanimous.**