

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, May 2, 2007

7:00 PM

Jean called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

In attendance were:

**Directors-Jean Lynch, Paul Dolan, Eugene Pepper and Marc Tremblay
– Associate Director-Dick Went – NRCS-Mike Merrill and John
Richard – Staff-Gina DeMarco and Wendy Hoyle**

Absent were:

**Director-Norm Hammond – Associate Directors-Cathryn MacDonald
and Ed Baker.**

John was introduced to the board.

I. Minutes

Motion was made to accept the April 4th meeting minutes, Paul/Gene. Vote was unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's reports were distributed. Wendy checked with the insurance company for workmen's comp and the policy has been adjusted to reflect the district directors as receiving no pay for their volunteering.

III. Old Business

a. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program

-Marc will be attending the meeting on May 18th with DEM regarding the

stormwater BMP grant. NRCS will be doing the engineering.

-14 volunteers are needed for the Water Festival on May 8th. 3 from NRCS

will be assisting.

-Next year's theme will be 'Lawn Care'; this will be used for the poster contest,

business bulletins and workshops.

b. Living on a Waterfront

The district received a letter and a check for \$50 from the East Providence

Conservation Commission thanking the district for a job well done.

c. Northern District Fund Raiser

The district has sold about \$300 of raffle tickets and quite a few dance tickets.

Jean is asking for mini brownies and cookies and will need assistance on Friday

with transporting the food from her house to the hall. The hall will need to be

set up at 5 pm, with doors opening at 7 pm. We will have the display board

set up in the foyer.

d. Pocasset River Project

NRCS is planning on working with the State Conservation Committee on

a watershed plan. Someone will need to request this from NRCS. It was

suggested to contact Scott Millar.

e. CIG Project

-After meeting with Mike Moorman and agreeing to a certain amount of monies

the districts would receive; a revised proposed work plan was presented,

decreasing the funds the districts would receive and increasing the work load by

overseeing the 2006 grantees. The agreement has not been signed yet.

-There had been talk regarding setting the district offices up as emergency shelters

for NRCS employees, but the districts have not heard anything further regarding

this. The board asked that this issue be put on the State Conservation

Committee's agenda for the meeting in June.

f. Seedling Sale

Those who volunteered their time were thanked for any excellent job. The district

netted \$3,578.73 from the seedling sale.

IV. Reports

a. Chair

Jean visited the Eastern and Southern districts meetings

regarding the

association's insurance and the 'conflict of interest' policy.

b. NRCS

-Mike distributed the conservation report.

-Through WHIP, they are able to fund 10 fish passages and are working with

the Army Corps of Engineering.

-Mike will be give a presentation about stream crossings with Chris Modisette

on May 9th at 7 pm.

-NRCS will be hosting a conservation lunch every other Wednesday from 12-1.

c. Envirothon

May 17th will be the Envirothon at Camp Yahoog. They will be quizzed on the

special topic-'Alternative Energy-how to develop a sustainable community at

Rocky Point'.

Volunteers are needed.

d. RC&D

There was a meeting today and they are working with NRCS on some of the

WHIP projects.

There are already over 100 blankets on order for next year.

Sales money received

from this year will be used as seed money for the sheep coop.

e. Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council

There was a dialog meeting regarding the Centredale site.

EPA is required to

hold these public meetings. The council will be having driving tours of the

watershed on Sunday, May 5th and Tuesday, May 8th.

f. RDC

Gerry's contract has been extended to assist RC&D with the RI Meat Cooperative.

They are still looking into meat processing. Some of the producers are able to

process their beef.

g. RIFCO

Marc distributed their spring newsletter. Their next spring program will be

May 12th.

On Sunday, October 14th, the wood and forestry expo will be held at the Crown

Plaza in partnership with the energy office. They are looking for agencies that would like to set up displays.

h. District Manager

-The 2007 NACD Northeast Regional Meeting will be in Mystic, CT August

5th – the 8th.

-NACD needs to change our email addresses and we need to make a decision on

what we want. It was suggested that we contact our web master and ask her

the best way to do this and have it @nricd.org.

Motion was made to adjourn at 9:10 pm, Gene/Paul. Vote was unanimous.