

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

April 1, 2009

7:00 PM

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00.

In attendance were:

Directors: Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Dick Went, Louis L. Vinagro, III, Eugene Pepper.

NRICD Staff: Gina DeMarco, Ramona LeBlanc.

Absent were: Associate Directors: Jean Lynch, Ed Baker, and Marc Tremblay.

I. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 4, 2009 meeting: Dick/Louie, unanimous.

II. Financial Reports

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt the January financial

statements: Dick/Gene, unanimous.

III. Old Business

A) SRWEP

The District is still waiting for approval of the next five year proposal. A well water workshop was held at Ponaganset High School on March 24.

The first of this year's business bulletins is nearing completion. The theme this year is "Go Green" and will feature issues on energy and water consumption, lead issues and transportation issues.

In partnership with SNEFCI and the Scituate Conservation Commission a walk and talk will be held at Joslin Farm on April 25.

Upon final approval from RI DOT, the Rockland Road plunge pool project will be completed by Scituate High School students.

Ponaganset Middle School is planning to install a rain garden.

The poster contest and classroom presentations are nearing completion.

B) Wetlands

The final task in this agreement will be a walk and talk or workshop. DEM would like to demonstrate to area residents how to develop a riparian buffer on their property. Suggested site is the Audubon Headquarters in Greenville and DEM has suggested a guest speaker from the RI Wild Plant Society.

C) Ag Inventory

Survey of Tiverton and Little Compton has begun

D) Lake Invasives

Work is underway to develop a criteria list and RFP's.

E) Seedling Sale

The deadline for placing orders has passed and final counts have been given to vendors.

F) Annual Dinner

Addieville East Farm has agreed to allow the District to use its facility at no charge and will again allow guest to participate in a clay shooting event at a fee in addition to the ticket price for the dinner. Dates are still to be determined and the Board suggested September 11 or 18.

Ramona will check to see if these dates are open and if More Than a Meal is available to cater.

VI. Reports

A) Chair

The SCC is waiting for new recommended values for FFOS land from the FFOS subcommittee. Ag values are yet to be recalculated using latest census.

The Envirothon will be held on May 21, from 8-3 at Goddard Park.

D) RC& D

Copies of the new 5 year plan summary were distributed.

E) RDC

Gerry Bertrand has had 4 grants funded.

F) RIFCO

Spring program is scheduled for 5/9 with a 5/16 rain date.

G) RIACD

The Van Buren grant proposal has been submitted (\$338,000.00). Of this The Van Buren Foundation may provide \$150-\$175,000.00 and would underwrite a function for other charitable foundations to solicit additional contributions.

The Association website has been expanded and has several new links.

H) RIRLA

The annual meeting was very well attended. Developmental grants are being pursued.

I) District Manager

Gina attended the Coalition for Water Security at Save the Bay, hosted by RI Waste Water Association.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:55: Norm/Dick, unanimous.