
Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

July 1, 2009

4:00 PM

Paul called the meeting to order at 5:30

In attendance were:

Directors: Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Dick Went, Louie Vinagro;

Associate Directors: Marc Tremblay, Ed Baker;

Staff: Gina DeMarco, Ramona LeBlanc. NRCS: Justin Tuthill.

Lincoln Land Trust: Judy Hadley, Janet Butler;

Absent were:

Director: Eugene Pepper, Associate Director: Jean Lynch.

I. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the June 3, 2009 meeting: Dick/Norm, unanimous.

II. Financial Reports

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt the June (08/09 year end) financial statements: Dick/Louie, unanimous.

III. Reports

A) Chair

Nothing to report that will not be covered later in the meeting.

B) District Manager

1) PWSB: Contract will be renewed for 5 years. Year end and 5 year reports are being developed. A meeting between Gina, Shannon Donovan and Rich Blodgett will focus on plans for the upcoming school year at Scituate High School.

2) Ag Inventory: Final report for the inventory in Little Compton and Tiverton was presented for review. DEM and NRCS have approached NRICD to develop a proposal to continue the inventory throughout the State on a 5 year rotation. The agreement expands the role of the District to tie into the FFOS program. There will be adequate funding to spend more time with each farmer. The new requirements for FFOS will be explained and a free assessment will be offered (paid for by NRCS). RDC is developing a booklet based on similar programs in

other states. If acceptable to DEM it will be submitted along with the FFOS application rather than requiring a full conservation plan. DEM has committed to their portion of the agreement but NRCS may have to go through and RFP process before awarding funds for their portion. NRICD will work to develop a proposal that will cover expenses based on a per town average.

C. NRCS

Justin distributed an engineering practices report for Providence County as well as a report on EQIP/EQIP applications. 4 EQIP contracts have been signed in Providence County and 69 applications have been received. 3 EWP projects have been funded in Providence County.

IV. Old Business:

A. Annual Dinner: The Board authorized a ticket price of \$30.00 per person which will allow the caterer to use locally raised meat provided by RIRLA. Geoff Gaebe will conduct an historical tour of the farm and guests will have the option of shooting sporting clays at an additional charge. Experienced shooters will be allowed to shoot at members rates and will pay Addieville directly and others will be able to take an instructional class at the cost of \$15.00 per person.

V. New Business

A. Reorganization Report: A draft of an interim report was received

from Chip. After reviewing, the Board decided that discussion of a draft version was premature. They will wait until the final version is available. They are prepared to participate on a state-wide meeting of the Districts Boards on July 21 to discuss the proposed reorganization plan.

B. Computer: ArcView software is available to non-profits at a greatly reduced price. It would be a valuable tool for projects such as the Ag Inventory. A motion was made to spend up to \$1500.00 on a computer, printer and software for this purpose: Dick/Norm: unanimous.

C. Copier/Printer: The district may have the opportunity to purchase a unit at State pricing. This possibility will be explored and the cost/benefit of purchasing will be verified.

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:20: Norm/Dick, unanimous.