
Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2009

7:00 PM

Paul called the meeting to order at 7:00.

In attendance were:

**Directors: Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Dick Went, Eugene Pepper;
Associate Director: Keith Rogers.**

**Staff: Gina DeMarco, Ramona LeBlanc. NRCS: Justin Tuthill. Joyce
Holscher, John Holscher.**

Absent were:

**Director: Louis Vinagro, III, Associate Directors: Marc Tremblay, Ed
Baker.**

I. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the September 11, 2009 meeting: Dick/Norm, unanimous.

II. Financial Reports

A motion was made to acknowledge receipt the September financial statements: Dick/Norm, unanimous.

III. Old Business

A. SWREP: A well water workshop, held at the Scituate Community House, was attended by 57 people. Gina has been invited to make a presentation at a well water symposium in Portland, ME on November 15-17. PWSB has approved. Shannon Donovan's Scituate High School class will install a sign and some native plants at the Rockland Road site they will maintain for the Adopt a Spot program on October 15. PWSB has acquired a parcel of farmland on the Scituate/Johnston line and would like to investigate having it farmed with Best Management Practices and to apply for NRCS funding under EQIP to develop it for tours and a demonstration site.

B. Lake Invasives Agreement: ESS is completing work according to the project schedule.

C. Outreach Agreement: This agreement between the RIACD and NRCS has been amended.

In addition to the scope of work and final report, NRICD will be

responsible to develop three billboards to educate forest landowners about NRCS funding possibilities. Paul Boisvert will organize and promote the remaining workshops.

D. Ag Inventory: Street by street surveys of North Kingstown and Exeter are completed and West Greenwich has been started. Incentives will be offered to encourage livestock owners to complete surveys and manure management assessments.

E. Annual Dinner: The 2009 event was held on September 11 and was under budget.

F. Board Elections: A legal ad was placed in the Providence Journal on 10/2/09 to announce the November 4th election.

IV. Reports

A. SCC: At the 10/21/09 meeting of the SCC, Paul will present NRICD's preference to proceed with centralizing administration of the three Districts will keeping non-administrative staff within each District. The statewide implementation of core programs would be achieved through cooperative agreements between the Districts.

B. NRCS: Summary reports distributed.

C. R C & D: Surveys collected in preparation for a new five year plan are being reviewed to incorporate clientele suggestions.

D. RIFCO: A tree farm and Coverts tour will be conducted in Foster on 10/17. The Annual Meeting will be on 11/21 at 6 pm at the West Greenwich Elks Lodge.

E. RIACD: The Ag Collaborative continues to develop a strategic plan. A small working group met on 9/23 to discuss FFOS issues and the position that the SCC would like to create for Ag Tech Assistance.

A meeting with Lt. Governor Roberts on 9/28 was used to give her basic information about the Districts. A meeting will be held on 10/26 to discuss federal funding that has been allocated to Rhode Island but which State agencies are unable to use because they are so short staffed. Possibilities for the Districts to partner with DEM, EPA and other agencies will be explored.

F. Envirothon: Workshops on the four major events was be held on Saturday, October 3. The Envirothon will be held on May13th. There is a Board meeting at Chopmist on 10/21.

G. District Manager: The North Smithfield town planner contacted NRICD for a site plan review. Jean Lambert provided the service and NRICD will use the same payment schedule that SRICD had been using.

V. New Business

A. Discussion was tabled until the November meeting since L. Vinagro was not present at this meeting.

B. District Communication: It was decided that issues that require priority attention will be discussed electronically, being sure to reply to all so everyone stays informed. All other issues will be held until the next scheduled Board meeting and will be discussed as an agenda item.

VI. Other

The December Board meeting will be held on 12/2 at 6 pm and will be followed by dinner at the Greenville Inn.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:05: Gene/Norm, unanimous.