

**Northern Rhode Island Conservation District**

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**MEETING MINUTES**

**December 2, 2009**

**6:00 PM**

**Paul called the meeting to order at 6:00.**

**In attendance were:**

**Directors: Paul Dolan, Eugene Pepper, Norm Hammond, Louie Vinagro, Dick Went; Associate Directors: Keith Rogers, Marc Tremblay.**

**Staff: Elizabeth Berg, Gina DeMarco, Ramona LeBlanc. NRCS: Justin Tuthill. Janet Hammond.**

**I. Minutes**

**A motion was made to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2009 meeting: Gene/Dick, unanimous.**

**II. Financial Reports**

**A motion was made to acknowledge receipt the October financial statements: Dick/Gene, unanimous.**

### **III. Old Business**

**A. SWREP: Scituate High School's Environmental Science class is working with DEM/Forestry to develop a forestry management plan and to develop a walking corridor between the school and Manning Field.**

**SHS may participate in a USDA sponsored program title, "Get Wet" if enough students can be engaged. A minimum of 60 participants is required and the school's chemistry students would need to participate along with the environmental science class. A response from the chemistry teacher is expected soon. The program includes a teacher workshop, student instruction in which they learn to test water samples taken from their homes and a community event that would stress the importance of more advanced testing of drinking water. The school would keep the testing materials for future use.**

**Gina is looking for alternate sites for the Water Festival.**

**B. Lake Invasives Agreement: DEM has extended the completion date to 1/30/20 to allow adequate time to review plans and conduct stakeholder meetings.**

**C. Outreach Agreement: Billboards were scheduled to be displayed beginning 11/30 in 3 locations.**

**Paul Boisvert completed a series of workshops under contract with**

**RIACD.**

**D. Ag Inventory:** On the ground surveys were completed on 12/2/09. The location of livestock owners continues to be entered into a database. Targets for completed surveys cannot be met and a plan to divert funding for those surveys to the on the ground survey of two additional towns and a series of workshops that targets the livestock owners who received information packets is under review.

#### **IV. Reports**

**A. SCC:** SRICD recently responded in writing to the proposed reorganization policy. A response from Eric Offenbergs is needed.

**B. NRCS:** Summary reports distributed.

#### **VI. New Business**

**A. Seedling Sale:** Compost bins and compost tea sources will be investigated and considered for inclusion in the 2010 Seedling Sale. The distribution dates will be 4/23 and 24.

**B. Three Directors** will participate in a workshop which focuses on strategic development which is being held by the RI Foundation. They are N. Hammond, L. Vinagro and D. Went.

**C. URI Co-operative Extension** is conducting a series of workshops entitled, "Exploring the Small Farm Dream" which is aimed at beginning farmers.

**D. The 20th anniversary of Gina DeMarco's employment with NRICD was marked by the presentation of a commemorative vase.**

**A motion to adjourn was made at 6:55: Dick/Gene, unanimous.**