

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2010

Chairman Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 4:00.

**Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Norm Hammond, Dick Went, ;
Associate Directors: Jean Lynch, Keith Rogers, Marc Tremblay, Ed
Baker District Manager Gina DeMarco;
Justin Tuthill, District Conservationist/NRCS; Ramona LeBlanc, State
Conservation Committee.**

Absent: Directors Eugene Pepper and Louis Vinagro.

I. Minutes

**A motion was made to accept the minutes of the May 5, 2010 meeting
as presented: Norm/Dick, unanimous.**

II. Financial Reports

**Dick made a motion was made that the Board is in receipt of the
reports, motioned.**

III. Old Business

A.Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program: On April 26 SHS students made presentations on their forestry management land and the GET WET program they participated in. Tree Farm signs were presented to the school. Gina received a letter from Scituate Superintendent of Schools, citing his appreciation of NRICD's environmental education programs with the schools.

The last elementary class presentation was on 6/2.

On 6/10 there will be a Well Water Workshop at SHS as a follow up to the Get Wet program in which students tested their home well water.

Kate is finishing the business bulletins.

A motion was made to ask PSWB to contribute \$500 to SHS NEEDS students planned trip to D.C. Norm/Dick, unanimous.

B. Ag Inventory/Bio Security: The drive-by surveys are completed in Westerly and Charlestown.

Workshops have been conducted with a total attendance of approximately 70. Liz will make follow-up calls to solicit more surveys. Final meeting is scheduled for 6/10. Next round make include crop farms as well as livestock.

IV. Reports

A. NRCS – Summary report distributed. \$500,000 in WHIP funding is available for forestry initiative contracts. RC & D will solicit

applications and facilitate processing with help of CD's. Application deadline is 6/15. CSP closes 6/11. Round II of EQIP closed 5/27. EWP deadline extended 1 month.

B. RIACD: Dick is working with Kristen Castrataro on a RDC grant to conduct a feasibility study for an equipment bank. It is a \$250,000/2-year grant that would cover RI, Eastern CT and SE MA.

Gina and Dick will make presentations at the NE NACD meeting in Portland, ME.

C. Envirothon – Wheeler III won competition and will represent RI at nationals in CA..

D. District Manager: Gina suggested devoting July meeting to strategic plan. Tentatively scheduled for 6/6 at 6 pm.

V. New Business

A. Energy Audits: NRCS is funding RC & D to conduct four workshops to train data collectors to work with NRCS TSP, Ensave to conduct farm energy audits. CD's may take on that role.

B. WHIP Workshops: SCC and RC & D will sign agreement for CD's to do outreach for WHIP forestry applications. One workshop will be held in each district.

C. 2010-2011 Proposed Budget: A motion was made to accept the budget as presented: Norm/Dick, unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made at 4:45: Norm/Dick.