

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

August 4, 2010

Chairman Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 3:20.

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went ; Associate Directors: Keith Rogers, Marc Tremblay, Ed Baker; District Manager Gina DeMarco; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee.

Absent: Directors Eugene Pepper, Louis Vinagro and Norm Hammond.

No Quorum.

I. Minutes

Vote postponed until next meeting.

II. Financial Reports

Vote postponed until next meeting.

III. Reports

A. District Manager: Liz is finishing up WHIP contacts. 28 applications were received and 25 contracts written.

The stewardship plant at Scituate High School is in process of being finalized.

PWSB will be opening 1000 acres off Tunk Hill to hunters and held a public meeting at Chopmist Senior Center.

Ag Inventory contract with DEM has been signed. NRCS contract is pending.

B. State Committee: meeting next week.

Geese abatement agreement, distribution of overhead fees on core contracts and funding for strategic planning will be discussed.

IV. New Business

A. Farm Tours/Awards: Justin is working to schedule several tours. The Board is willing to consider an award for forest management.

B. Annual Dinner: Event will be held on September 9 at Save the Bay, invitations will be out soon.

VI. Other

RIFCO will hold its annual Summer Twilight Session on August 12.

NRCS is interested in writing agreement with CD's to administer a

geese abatement program statewide. IT will likely have two phases, the first and education and outreach component and the second an implementation component. GeesePeace is a nationally recognized organization that has developed and implemented a successful protocol in communities throughout the country. They will work with local communities to help set-up program that is non-lethal and accepted by humane societies.

RC & D will be meeting on September 1 at Ed Baker's house.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45.