

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

December 1, 2010

Chairman Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went, Eugene Pepper, Keith Rogers; Associate Directors: Jean Lynch, Marc Tremblay; Justin Tuthill, NRCS; District Manager Gina DeMarco; Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee.

I. Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November 2, 2010 meeting: Dick/Gene, unanimous.

II. Financial Reports

A motion was made to acknowledge that the Board is in receipt of the financial report: Dick/Keith, unanimous.

III. Old Business

A. SRWEP: A meeting was held to discuss forest theme project for current year with partners who are involved with forestry. Material developed to date was shared and feedback was solicited. Gina would like these groups to be listed as partners on all program materials and to be able to have them act as speakers where appropriate. A photo contest for high school students will be held for the first time.

Gina has received GetWet! materials and plans to begin program at Scituate High School in January.

B. Ag Inventory: Gina has discussed an amendment to the current agreement with Justin to allow for a series of workshops to be funded in December and January. The purpose is to encourage applicants to apply by NRCS's January 14th deadline. The first three will be held in December and will include info on partners and programs.

The second 3 will be held in January and will be presented by NRCS staff and will only focus on NRCS programs.

An additional outreach agreement is being discussed which would fund future outreach initiatives.

C. Rivers Assessment: Pocasset River assessment has been completed and clean up will be funded. Pawcatuck River will soon be completed by Doug.

Additional \$30,000 has been allocated to continue assessment of other Rhode Island rivers.

IV. Reports

A. NRCS: Justin distributed a schedule of the upcoming Farm Bill deadlines. There are currently twenty five (25) applications in Providence County.

B. RIFCO: The Annual Dinner was very successful. An estate planning workshop for woodland owners is being planned for the winter. Date TBD.

C. RIACD: The Association now has conference call ability.

Dick will attend a meeting with John Kirby, Dean, URI/CELS to discuss forestry issues with Chris Modisette, Marc Tremblay and a DEM/Forestry representative.

D. Envirothon: Competition is scheduled for May 20, 2011 and the Committee is waiting for a location confirmation.

V. New Business

A. Building: Inspection showed both major and minor repairs and updates are needed. The most extensive include a new furnace, possible removal of asbestos on pipes, electrical service upgrades.

Bids will be solicited and costs included as an exhibit to lease.

NRICD will then submit lease to DEM for final approval. It is likely to

be voted upon at the December 21, 2010 meeting of Land Acquisition Committee.

B. Seedling Sale: Sale will be held on April 22 & 23, 2011

Meeting adjourned at 7:10.