

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District

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MEETING MINUTES

March 2, 2011

Chairman Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went, Eugene Pepper, Louis L. Vinagro III, Keith Rogers; Associate Directors: Norm Hammond, 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 February 9, 2011 meeting: Dick/Keith, unanimous.

II. Treasurer's Reports

A motion was made that the Board is in receipt of the reports: Dick/Keith, unanimous.

III. Old Business

A. SRWEP:

- **GET WET!:** Students have tested their well water and compiled results. A Power Point presentation will be developed for an April 4th Energy Night event.
- **Classroom presentations have begun.**
- **A woodland packet has been developed and is being printed.**
- **Water Festival will be held at Camp Aldersgate on May 3rd.**
- **Photo/ Poster contest judging will be held on April 12th.**
- **A well water workshop will be held at Scituate High School on March 10th.**
- **Chris Modisette will be presented with Educator of the Year Award at Scituate Conservation Commission meeting on March 8th.**

B. Ag Inventory: DEM contract ends March 31, 2011. NRCS agreement ends September 30, 2011 and will be expanded to include forestry and nursery outreach.

C. Building: NRCS's landscape architect will develop a plan for the property. Gene will provide a property map.

IV. Reports

A. Chair: International Year of the Forest poster is being developed for Arbor Day distribution.

B. NRCS:

- **Ag Tech/ Outreach agreement should be finalized within a week.**
- **Applications still being processed for current round of funding.**

- A public meeting on the Pocasset Flood Plain Study will be held on March 8th.

C. RC & D: Not funded in 2012 Federal Budget.

D. RDC: Nothing to report

E. RIFCO:

- Estate planning workshop was attended by 30 people.
- On May 21st RIFCO and NRICD will host an event to celebrate National Walk in the Forest Day with a walk at Snake Den State Park followed by an open house at NRICD.

F. RIACD:

- NELM is on March 23 & 24, 2011
- Coverts workshop is April 15th, 16th and 17th.
- Dick has meeting scheduled with both Senators and Representatives.

G. RIRLA:

- Annual Meeting will be on March 28, 2011 at the West Greenwich Elks.

H. Envirothon:

- A meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2011 at Chopmist.
- There is a workshop at URI on March 12th.
- A fundraising breakfast will be held on April 2nd

- **The competition is on May 20th.**

I. District Manager:

- **Gina will be submitting a proposal to Loraine Joubert at URI for an elementary education component for a storm water grant**
- **The Abbot Run EPA grant proposal is still being considered for funding.**

V. New Business

A. NELM: A motion was made to pay expenses for 4 Board Members to attend NELM.

B. Native Plants: A motion was made for Keith to act as liaison to Rhody Natives: Dick/ Paul, unanimous.

C. Champlin Grant: Keith and Paul will form a subcommittee to prepare a grant proposal for further renovations to property.

D. Open House: An open house for partners, municipal leaders, etc. will be held on May 25th from 3-6 PM. A motion was made to have a dedication plaque made to commemorate the date of the first Board meeting at the new location.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.