

**Northern Rhode Island Conservation District**

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**January 2, 2013**

**Chair, Paul Dolan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.**

**Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went, Louis Vinagro, III, Jean Lynch; Associate Directors: Marc Tremblay; Norm Hammond, District Staff, Kate Sayles; NRCS: Justin Tuthill; RI State Conservation Committee: Jill Osgood, Debra Aiello.**

**I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Dick/Jean; motion passed.**

**II. Treasurer's Report: A motion was made to accept the financial reports as presented. Dick/Jean; motion passed.**

**III. Old Business:**

**A. SRWEP (Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program):**

**1. Kate reported for Gina; Gina is looking into new ideas to engage the community in watershed stewardship. The SRWEP meeting has been postponed until January 17th at 2:00 pm at NRICD. The theme for this year is "Where Does Your Water Shed".**

## **B. 1. Dame Farm:**

**The board is interested in looking for historical information.**

## **C. NRCS:**

### **1. Agreements:**

**Justin reported that things are moving along; nothing different.**

## **D. Board Recruitment:**

**1. The Board would like to keep focused on marketing, by means of local advertising and social media market.**

## **IV. New Business:**

### **A. Policy Sub- Committee:**

**1. The last meeting was canceled.**

**B. Dick suggested putting together a list of contractors for construction worker. It would make it easier for the customers. He would like all the districts to consider developing a contractors price list.**

**C. Date Change for Seedling Sale: Kate reported that Ramona would like to change the date of the seedling sale, not to conflict with other programs. The date was changed to April 26th and 27th.**

## **V. Reports:**

### **A. Chair Report:**

**1. See reports.**

### **B. RI SCC :**

**1. The RI SCC is challenging all districts to come up with a plan to implement over the next couple of months that will help the board reach out to diversify and expand the board.**

### **C. NRCS Report: Justin:**

**1. The first round of applications was finished. The deadline for the applications was on December 21, 2013.**

**D. RC&D: Paul:**

**1. A meeting is scheduled on January 4th to go over the budget. The grants were funded. An election meeting is scheduled on January 9, 2013. Paul is meeting on January 4th to go over the budget.**

**E. RDC: Marc:**

- 1. The Annual Meeting is scheduled at the end of January.**
- 2. The Yankee Woods website is almost finished and it looks good.**

**F. RIFCO: Marc:**

**1. Woodlot Business Management Workshop on February 16, 2013. The meeting will be held at the West Greenwich Library. He would like the Tree Farm Committee to consider participating.**

**G. RIACD: Dick:**

**1. The farm bill was extended. Dick will keep the Board informed and up to date on information as it develops.**

**2. Dick reported that SRICD is working on land link. Training is available to try to bring farmers together with the right land.**

**3. The AG laws in RI should be Dick would like RI to have it's own farm bill and is working on legislation.**

**4. The NACD NE leadership meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2013. There will be a legislative meeting in Washington on July 13th and 14th this year.**

**H. RIRLA: Louis:**

**1. Louis reported that RIRLA is very sustainable without grants and the membership is up.**

**I. Envirothon: Norm:**

**1. It was reported that the Envirothon meeting is scheduled at the Coventry High School on January 10, 2013. A Wild Life and Aquatic Workshop is scheduled for January 26, 2013.**

**J. District Manager: Kate reported for Gina;**

**1. Gina has developed some views for media based outreach to the forest and agricultural community; they include bill boards, brochure development, the PSA and other ideas as guided by NRCS.**

**2. The RISCC is challenging all districts to implement a plan over the next couple of months that will help to diversify and expand the Board.**

**3. Paul and Dick are working on the Policy Committee. The three districts have been working together to develop statewide policy and a fee for service schedule that could be used in soliciting work from municipal government, land owners and engineering firms.**

**4. URI was contacted concerning the URI Experiment group. They did not respond at this time.**

**5. A meeting with PW was postponed over the holidays and moved to January.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.**

**The next meeting is scheduled for February 6th at 7:00pm.**