

**Northern Rhode Island Conservation District
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MEETING MINUTES

March 6, 2013

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

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, NACD, Dick Went, RIACD, Jean Lynch; Associate Directors: Marc Tremblay; Norm Hammond, District Manager, Gina DeMarco, NRCS: Jeehye Lee, RI State Conservation Committee: Debra Aiello.

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

II. Treasurer's Report: A motion was entertained that the Board was in receipt of the financial reports as presented. Dick/Jean; motion passed.

III. Old Business:

A. SRWEP (Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program).

1. An educational place mat was designed to hand out to local restaurants. The place mat has activities and ways to show how to protect the quality of water the Scituate Reservoir produces. It will be

distributed primarily to restaurants in the watershed area.

2. A Water Festival will be held at Camp Aldersgate on May 7th.

3. “Get Wet” program took place at Scituate and Ponaganset schools. The students participated in testing water samples.

4. The 319 Grant will provide funding for a stormwater project in Scituate Village. The project has been approved by the town.

5. A public meeting is being considered to educate and offer storm water infiltration systems to the residents in the village of North Scituate.

B. Dame Farm/ Office move:

1. The move to Parks and Recreation building is under consideration and NRICD would like to proceed the move will hopefully take place this summer.

2. The board is waiting for an agreement to be drafted and submitted for Dame Farm. A motion was made to continue to send email to Ken Ayars Dick/Jean; unanimous.

3. The board members decided to form a small subcommittee to discuss and identify needs regarding Dame Farm.

C. NRCS Agreement:

1. Becca and Kate Bosquet are working on Outreach projects. The media portion will be handled by Jessica and Becca.

2. The Small Forestry workshops have been a great success.

D. Board Recruitment:

1. The Board has a potential new Associate Director.

IV. New Business:

A. Urban Seedling Opportunity- Matt Tracey: Tabled

B. NELM:

1. Dick will be attending the meeting as a representative on March 21st and 22nd ; Jean and Kate will possibly be attending depending on funds.

C. NBEP Request for letter:

1. The Board decided to take no action.

III. Reports:

A. Chair:

B. RI SCC :No report

C. NRCS:

1. A written report was handed out to board members with application summary (EQIP). A total of 23 contracts were obligated in the 1st round of FY 2013 totaling 396,078.

D. RC&D:

Open house/award night was very successful. The annual meeting is scheduled for October 18&19, 2013. The next meeting will be held on

March 27, 2013.

E. RDC: No report

F. RIFCO: No report

1. The Woodlot Workshop was a great success. The next event is scheduled is a Wildlife/ Invasive control Workshop; May 18, 2013 at Rod and Gun Club in Exeter.

G. RIACD:

H. Jean Lynch was appointed as board member for NACD.

2. Intensive farming is causing a need for restoring soil in the future.

3. The Green Economic group is looking at doing a summit in RI

4. A meeting is coming up next month to have Ramona become a signatory for RIACD bank account.

H. RIRLA:

1. Annual Meeting will be coming up, memberships are renewable at that time.

I. Envirothon:

1. A breakfast fundraiser is scheduled at Dave's restaurant in Warwick on April 6, 2013.

J. District Manager: No Report

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 pm.