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September 4, 2013

7:00 pm

Minutes

Chair Paul Dolan called meeting to order at 7pm.

**Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Dick Went, Jean Lynch; Associate
Directors: Marc Tremblay; District Manager: Gina DeMarco, NRCS:
Justin Tuthill; RISCC: Debra Aiello, Tess Brown- Lavoie.**

**I. Minutes: A motion was made to accept the July 31st meeting
minutes as presented: Dick /Jean, unanimous.**

**II. Treasurer's Reports: A motion was entertained for the receipt of
July financial report: Dick/Jean, unanimous.**

III. New Business

A. Annual Dinner- At this point in time a date has not been confirmed.

A motion was made to set a tentative date of October 17th Dick/Jean

B. Awards- A list of awardees was provided by Justin. Paul Dolan suggested visiting the farms that were considered. The board has scheduled tours on Thursday October 12, 2013.

C. Other- Molly Hunt was hired to replace Becca as Education as the Outreach Coordinator. Becca is finishing up the remainder to work.

IV. Old Business:

A. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Program- 319 Grant. The Rain Gardens were installed on the Town Hall property to control their water problems. Two workshops on LID's will be held at the North Scituate Library this fall.

B. Snake Den Farm- DEM properties meeting are to take place on September 24th awaiting comments with recommended changes from Ken Ayars.

C. Policy/ Fee for Service- The Board is awaiting comments from Ken Ayars; they are expecting to receive his comments by September 24th.

D. EWP- Belfield- Permission was given to use the money to go forward with an audit. The audit will take place prior to starting project.

E. MOU- A motion was made to sign MOU document with last recommendations made by Ken Payne barring changes. Dick/ Jean, unanimous.

V. Reports:

A. Chair

B. RISCC- Handouts were provided.

C. NRCS- Justin supplied hand outs to the Board.

D. RC&D- New England Conference will be held on October 26th in Warwick. Paul is working on getting new grants and wrapping up the NRCS grants.

E. RDC- There is a possibility that RC&D will take over RDC.

F. RIFCO- Marc announced that the Annual Dinner Meeting, along with the Tree farm Banquet will be held on November 16th at the West Valley INN in West Warwick. A silent auction is being planned for that night.

G. RIACD-

1. Dick reported that NACD is looking for a North East representative.

2. Dick announced that he is still looking for sponsorship for next years meeting in Newport.

3. Tess has been hired to work on Ag Partnership program.

4. The State Tech Team met last week. They discussed National Issues in RI. Dick is encouraging the districts to try to attend some of the meetings.

H. Environthon- The committee interviewed candidates for a RI Envirothon Coordinator. They are discussing the possibility of adding middle school students this year. The next Board meeting is scheduled for next Thursday at 3:30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40.