

February 12, 2014
7:00 pm
Meeting Minutes

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Marc Tremblay, Jean Lynch, Dick Went, Matt Tracy;
Associate Directors: Norm Hammond, Amie Parris; District Manager, Gina De Marco,
NRCS: Justin Turhill; RISCC: Debra Aiello; URI Students: Andy and Emi.

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

I. Minutes: A motion was made to approve the January 8th Meeting Minutes as presented;
Marc/Dick, unanimous.

II. Treasurers' Report:

- Paul would like to look at the breakdown by project.
 - Gina is resubmitting a bill for the 319 project to the town of Scituate
- A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of the treasures report. Marc/ Dick,
unanimous.

III. URI Eco System Values Project Update:

- A power point was presented to the Board. The objective was to create tools that help land managers incorporate the value of ecosystem services into decision-making in the Scituate Watershed areas.

IV. Old Business:

A. SRWEP:

1. As part of the Get Wet Program, a professional research day to prepare students for their presentation is scheduled for April 2nd
2. Ponaganset High School students participated in a water quality-screening program this week.
3. The Water Festival is scheduled for May 6th.

B. Snake Den Farm

1. The Board has met with DEM
2. Repairs and renovations are being considered for Snake Den Farm
3. A farmer will be moving in on March 1st.
4. Appliances were donated by local businesses.

Under the public meeting laws at this junction, the chairman announced that the meeting was going to be held in executive session to discuss EWP. A motion was made to begin closed session. Marc/ Dick, unanimous.

After the EWP discussion concluded the chairman announced the open meeting to continue:

D. Reports:

1. Chairman: No Report
2. SCC:
 - a. Harriett is stepping down; Clarkson will transfer to her position
 - b. Ramona is the process of training the newly hired administrative assistant to take her position.
 - c. Ken Payne will be taking over as administrator.
3. NRCS:
 - a. A written report was distributed to the Board.
 - b. Some changes have been made since the Farm Bill passed.
4. RC&D:
 - a. Presently, there are no NRCS grants
 - b. Workshop scheduled at North Scituate Library on February 25th
 - c. Farm Energy grant
 - d. Working on Wildlife Habitat grant
 - e. Budget cuts this year grant
5. RIFCO
 - a. Woodland Workshop Series in progress
 - b. Three more workshops are planned
 - c. Spring walk is scheduled for May 3rd
 - d. The new website will be unveiled on April 1st.
6. RIACD:
 - a. Norm, Dick and Jean were elected at meeting
 - b. NELM is scheduled for April 8th and 9th
7. Envirothon:
 - a. Anaheim Meeting was held
 - b. RI will not be attending the National Envirothon this year.
 - c. Researching the possibilities of a Virtual or New England Envirothon competition.
 - d. A letter was sent requesting the annual donation from NRICD.

A motion was made to donate 500.00 with an additional 250.00 to be considered after fiscal year, if funds are available: Marc/Dick; unanimous. *Paul Dolan abstained from voting.

8. District Manager:

1. Each district will sign their farm plans. The homeowners now have the option to hire a map planner and create their own plan.

E. NACD Annual Meeting:

1. Dick Went received the prestigious President's Award.
2. The Annual meeting will be held in New Orleans
3. This years Northeast Meeting will be held in Newport.

V. New Business:

A. Seedling Sale

1. Sale is scheduled for April 26th
2. This year, in addition to the seedlings, seed packets for pollinators will be offered.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 Dick/Jean, unanimous.