

# NRICD Board Meeting

## March 5, 2014

Present:

Directors:

Paul Dolan

Matt Tracy

Marc Tremblay

Jean Lynch

Dick Went

Associate Directors:

Norman Hammond

NRICD Staff: Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

NRCS Staff: Justin Tuthill

Meeting was called to order by Paul Dolan at 7:00pm

I. Minutes: Dick made a motion to ok. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc.

II. Treasurers Report: Tabled

III. New Business:

A. Seedling Sale- April 26

- a. Brochure completed. Mailed to 1500 by end of the week.
- b. This year only 1 day pick up.
- c. Tree Council planting 30 trees at Snake Den Farm for Arbor Day Fair
  - i. Pollinator workshop same day

IV. Reports

- a. RIACD
  - a. Northeast Meeting on Aug 24-26 in Newport
  - b. Need more sponsorships
- b. SCC
  - a. No meeting
- c. NRCS
  - a. No rules because of passage of farm bill
- d. RC & D
  - a. No NRCS grants.
  - b. Open house on April 16 at Richards Pub, networking and 2013 review
- e. RIFCO
  - a. There has been a successful series of workshops.
  - b. May 3, Spring program
  - c. RI Wood website- intern has completed
    - i. Targeting people who are thinking about buying local wood products.

- f. RIACD
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- g. Envirothon
  - a. NE Leadership Meeting on April 8-9
  - b. Fundraiser on April 5 at Daves Bar and Grill in Warwick
  - c. April 12 – workshop
  - d. May 16 – Event at Farm
  
- h. District Manager
  - a. Went to Ken Ayers meeting on March 4 “Reinventing Roots”- Would like to see a mentorship program.
  - b. Permaculture –Sustainable living

#### V. Old Business

- A. SRWEP: Gina working on 5 year proposal.
  - 1. GETWET program is in schools
  - 2. Water festival on May 6
  - 3. Raingardens- New proposals due
  
- B. Snake Den Farm
  - 1. No Construction yet. Waiting on permit.
  - 2. RFP for farmers to farm 2-7 acres. Hoping for 4 farmers plus hay farmer
  
- C. Ag Tech
  - 1. EWP- Emergency Watershed Protection
    - a. Letter sent to each of the landowners.
      - i. Mayor of Johnston called and wants to talk
    - b. Have written commitment from DEM that taking property on Belfield.
    - c. There will be a public notice requirement.

#### VI. Other

- A. Roger Williams University – interns available

At 8:15 pm a motion was made by Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc to adjourn meeting.