

# NRICD Board Meeting

## April 2, 2014

Present:

Directors:

Paul Dolan  
Jean Lynch  
Marc Tremblay  
Dick Went  
Matt Tracy

Associate Directors:

Norman Hammond  
Amie Parris

NRICD Staff: Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

NRCS Staff: Jeehye Lee

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

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

II. Treasurers Report: Question about why Utilities was only budgeted for \$100, and have spent YTD \$1869.  
Answer from Ramona: \$1869 is for Snake Den Farm utilities. Was not projected as of last year.  
Dick made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to accept report.

III. Old Business

- A. Arbor Day- April 26. 30 Trees being planted by Tree Council. Pollinator demo same day.
- B. Seedling sale- Michelle organizing. Orders coming in. Quantities will be finalized with nurseries and shipping dates confirmed.
- C. Snake Den Farm
  - 1. 2<sup>nd</sup> RPF- Rec'd 4 applications. Need 153's done
    - a. \$200/acre for farming
  - Motion by Marc/2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick that there is a "Rolling" RFP and increase max up to 15 acres
  - 2. Kate dedicating 5 hrs per month on this project
  - 3. Home improvements Bathroom in on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
    - a. Motion made by Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc to approve the \$3500 for improvements
- C. SRWEP: 5 year proposal.
  - 1. Contains # of how many reached, leveraged
    - a. Water festival on May 6
  - 1. NFWF- grant
    - a. Bates school in Olneyville – 104 kids
    - b. High school planting
  - 2. 319 Scituate – 5 new raingardens-
    - a. Birchwood Designs gardens

#### D. Ag Tech

1. EWP- Emergency Watershed Protection
  - a. Cease and desist-
  - b. NRCS agreed to pay for work we have done thus far. New MOU
  - c. # phases of MOU
    1. No transfer of funds
    2. Project agreement – both NRICD and NRCS execute  
Implement restoration plan. Demo, remove underground tanks.
  - d. Motion made by Dick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to sign the new MOU as amended.

#### IV. Reports

- a. SCC
  - a. The farm plans will go to each district to be done
- b. NRCS
  - a. Passage of Farm Bill- Accepting applications now. Funds will not be available until May 1. First ranking has been done. 48 applications so far.
- c. RC & D
  - a. Spending last of the grant
- d. RIFCO
  - a. May 3, Spring program in West Greenwich
  - b. RI Wood website- intern has completed
    - i. Targeting people who are thinking about buying local wood products.
- e. RIACD
  - a. Northeast meeting on Aug 24-26 in Newport with 3 days of activities.
  - b. Need more sponsorships
- f. Envirothon
  - a. Norm is part of the National Conservation Foundation
  - b. Fundraiser on April 5 at Daves Bar and Grill in Warwick
  - c. April 12 – workshop in Jamestown
  - d. Working on \$3000 grant starting August 2014
- g. District Manager
  - a. Shannon Donovan will be the teacher for the Farmer dance
  - b. Quotes for step repair \$3500

#### V. New Business:

- A. Municipal Outreach - Jean Lynch heading up. Has done Smithfield and N. Providence
- B. Urban High School opportunity
  1. Scituate - TIDES Family Services. Works with wayward teens. Wants to do tour of water treatment facility- 10 students

#### VI. Other- none

At 9:35 pm a motion was made by Norm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dick to adjourn meeting.