

NRICD Board Meeting
Minutes
May 7, 2014

Present:

Directors:

Paul Dolan
Jean Lynch

Dick Went
Matt Tracy

Associate Directors:

Norman Hammond
Amie Parris

NRICD Staff: Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

NRCS Staff:

Meeting was called to order by Paul Dolan at 7:02pm

I. Minutes: A change is noted that Norm is not a part of the NCF. Jean made a motion to ok. 2nd by Dick.

II. Treasurers Report: Motion made by Dick and 2nd by Jean to accept report.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm

1. Farm Tenant Program- Status of Alexandra Romano
 - a. Waiting on financing for farm plan. Needs to prepare soil. MOY w/2acres producing cut flowers and natives.
2. New RFP needs to be on line
3. Matt will find out what Paulus wants to till.
4. Dick suggests we raise the acreage to 25 acres.
5. Also need new signage with name of Snake Den Farm and explanation of purpose.
6. Renovations
 - a. Oil Tank- Ken will take care of it. By supporting it so it doesn't cave in.
 - b. Chimney- questionable, possibly needs to be lined.
 - c. Trails- state grant will maintain.
 - d. Insulation
 - i. Cost to put in is \$1177. Approx \$427 more that budget.
 - ii. Motion made by Dick, 2nd by Jean to approve additional cost. To be shared by tenants over next 2 years.
7. Seedling sale went well-
 - a. Suggested local vendors, native plants would be a better draw.
8. Arbor Day- Went well with planting of trees on Snake Den Farm

C. SRWEP:

1. Waiting for funding to be renewed by Prov Water
 - a. Water festival on May 6
 - b. May 31 is a field tour for PW

D. NFWF-

- a. June 5, 12-4 professionals will attend

E. 319 Scituate – 6 signed agreements currently. Would like 10 total

Concept designs have been submitted to DEM.

Each garden will be an “outreach” project

DEM will start paying directly

Bill will go to Betsy at DEM

F. Ag Tech- EWP- Kevin and Justin are working on the Restoration Project.

- a. Gina spending more time on site.
- b. Matolla Property has 2 lots not owned by him. If he wants to sell, should be able to do much more.
 - i. 2 more interested applicants.

IV. Reports

- a. SCC- Meeting soon. No Chair currently.
- b. NRCS- Report submitted
- c. RC & D
 - a. Won N.E. in all categories. Harriet received an award.
- d. RIFCO
 - a. May 3, Spring program.
 - b. Deer Damage issue – Norm contacting State.
- e. RIACD
 - a. Northeast meeting on Aug 24-26 in Newport with 3 days of activities.
 - b. What is Waters of the United States? What is significant nexus?
 - c. Norm leaving this association.
- f. Envirothon
 - a. May 8 is Committee mtg
 - b. Event of May 16. 13 teams from 2 middle schools
 - c. Working on \$3000 grant starting August 2014
- g. District Manager
 - a. Need to go into Executive Session to discuss raises for staff.
 - b. Medical benefits as well.
 - c. Paul mad a motion, 2nd by Matt to open a new bank account at Dexter Credit Union for the Snake Den Farm. Approved.

V. New Business:

- A. Building overhead cost of current NRICD (2283 Hartford Ave, Johnston)
 - a. Eastern and South no longer a part of it.
 - i. Cost will be split up:
 - 1. NRICD 60%
 - 2. RC & D 20%
 - 3. RISCC 20%
 - ii. Call Verizon about high bill and internet cloud.
- B. Conservation Plan- Motion was made by Dick and 2nd by Jean to pay for the plan based on task, not hourly.
- C. Parks & Rec Building down the street (Hartford Ave).
Ken Ayres to give to State Properties. Possible residence. Catholic Charities also interested.

VI. Other- Sign out front is falling down and needs to be fixed.

At 9:35 pm a motion was made by Dick, 2nd by Amie to adjourn meeting.