

NRICD Board Meeting
Minutes
April 1, 2015

Present:

Directors:

Jean Lynch

Dick Went

Marc Tremblay

Matt Tracy

Associate Director:

Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

Kate Sayles

NRCS Staff:

Justin Tuthill

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm

Kate introduced 3 farmers that will be leasing at Snake Den Farm

Marc Paulus, John White and Adam Graffunder (who will be farming with Than Wood).

I. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to approve minutes.

II. Treasurers Report:

- A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to accept

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

- 1. Matt purchased a tractor
- 2. Barn needs to be cleaned out by professional cleaners. Motion made by Dick/2nd by Matt to approve up to \$2500 to have cleaners asap.

B. SRWEP

- 1. Get Wet program at Scituate High School culminated at a public community night held at the late this afternoon. Ponaganset High School will hold the entire GET WET program over 3 consecutive days in May. It is normally spread out over a couple of months.

C. 319- Scituate

- 1. RFP went out on April 15 - seeking engineers to design and install an infiltration trench at a private home in North Scituate. It will serve as a demonstration site for LID retrofits.

D. Moswansicut Project

- 1. Currently developing a volunteer team to collect water quality survey data in coordination with URI Watershed Watch. A geese reduction volunteer team will do a planting at the dam in late May. There have been lots of volunteers and public feedback on this project. A steering committee meeting will be held late in April.

E. CTA- Ag Tech/Conservation Plans

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1. NRCS requires a high match for this grant and it has been difficult to source. They are considering putting the agreement out as an RFP vs. a cooperative agreement.
- F. Seedling sale is all set for April 25. Order have increased a lot since last year.
- G. Strategic Plan
 1. Gina has been compiling board input over the last month. Need to officially adopt the plan once everyone is happy with it. Discussion tabled until next month.
 2. Develop information on climate change.

IV. Reports

- A. SCC
 1. FFOS rate did not change
- B. NRCS – Justin reported
 1. \$2.3 million in funding from the AMA
 2. CSP is open right now.
 3. Bio training for NRCS staff is currently going on. District staff is welcome.
- C. Envirothon-
 1. April 9th – Field inspection
 2. May 15- Competition day for Envirothon
- D. R C & D
 1. URI event _ TBD
- E. RIFCO- May 9th is Woodland Summit event at Exeter Country Club
- F. RIACD-
 1. Scholarship was provided for Kate Bosquet to attend meeting.
 2. The farm bill was discussed at the NACD event
 3. Many partners have been meeting regarding a concern with Newport Drinking Water.
- G. District Manager
 1. No report.

V. New Business:

- A. NELM - Molly Allard, Amie Parris, and Kate Bousquet attended the New England Leadership Meeting, along with Dick Went who represented NACD. It was a great opportunity to hear from others throughout New England about what other Districts are involved in. Attendees also had opportunity to share about our programs and involvements
- B. Outreach- SCC
 1. Holding workshops that people come to for programing such as soil health, forestry etc.
- C. Roger Williams University-
 1. Have 4 interns. 1 working with Kate on Trails. 1 with Molly on Get Wet, 2 with Gina writing SRWEP survey of watershed residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm . Motion by Dick.2nd by Paul.

Next meeting will be May 6, 2015 at 7 pm.