

NRICD Board Meeting
Minutes
September 2, 2015

Present:

Directors:

Jean Lynch
Amie Parris
Marc Tremblay
Matt Tracy
Dick Went

Associate Director:

Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco
Michelle Place

NRCS Staff:

Alan Gillespie

DEM:

Amanda Freitas

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Marc Tremblay

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. EWP- Emergency Watershed Protection

- 1. NRICD is sponsor for NRCS. Phase I is complete. Working on Phase II. NRCS will procure buying the properties. NRICD will enter into an agreement with NRCS in the near future to complete Phase II of this project. In addition, NRCS has offered NRICD an additional contract to be the pass through of funds for hiring an engineering firm to update the Flood Plain Management Plan for the Pocasset River replacing the flood wall plans with a more economically feasible alternative plan with the hopes of receiving PL566 funds in the future for implementation.
- 2. Motion by Dick, 2nd by Aime for Gina to approve contract with changes

IV. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

- 1. Saturday October 3 is the grand opening at farm. Hiking trails will be open and a complementary lunch will be served. Volunteer recognition will be included
- 2. Tulip farmer will have pick your own harvest in May. Possible fundraiser in conjunction with that.

B. SRWEP

- 1. Water curriculum in fall.

C. 319- Scituate

1. Tree filter design has been approved for the tree infiltration project in Scituate
- D. Moswansicut
 1. Weekly water sampling is being done.
- E. Annual Dinner
 1. Combination of all districts and RIFCO on Saturday November 14 at West Valley Inn.
- F. New grants update.
 1. Implementation of farm bill
 2. Outreach- Maintain database, workshops, and writing Ag materials in simple English.
 3. CIG- Manure Management Collection
 4. RCPP- Soil health

V. Reports

- A. SCC - Contracts will be divided up between districts
- B. Envirothon- September 10 next meeting. Workshop scheduled for 10/17
- C. R C & D –there will be a Small Scale Forestry workshop on October 24 at Rittling Tree farm. A Restoration walk on October 16 with the Wild plant society at Joseyln Farm.
- D. RIFCO- Working on Annual dinner. Creating a winter workshop series. Also doing a management plan for Woodlot in which the will do a 2 acre clear cut.
- E. RIACD-
 1. Hired an accountant to do books.
 2. Young Farmers network would like to invoice \$50/month + 5% admin fee for grants
 3. EPA – new rule for pollinators on national level. RIACD recommended that local groups make plans.
- F. District Manager
- G. DEM- Amanda Freitas gave report on some of the projects she and Dem are working on. Specifically federal funding for non game species.
- H. NRCS- Engineering services for roof designs- Goal is to get 10 done with SRICD.

VI. New Business:

- A. Fiscal Overview
 1. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to spend up to \$2000 with accountant to look at books.

VII. Meeting went into executive session at 9:20.