

# Northern Rhode Island Conservation District Board Meeting (NRICD)

## Minutes

January 6, 2016

Present:

Directors:

Jean Lynch

Marc Tremblay

Dick Went

Associate Director:

Norm Hammond

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

Molly Allard

Natural Resource Conservation Service(NRCS) Staff:

Leo Smock Randall

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

I. Minutes:

A. Motion by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to accept with correction to last month's minutes noting that Molly and Norm were not there.

II. Treasurers Report:

A. A motion made by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to accept the treasurer's report.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm (SDF)–

1. Tenants are renewing lease. Marc has signed the paperwork.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Protection (SRWEP)-

1. Molly reported- There will be a workshop on septic systems given by Tim Cranston on March 31 in North Scituate.

2. Molly provided water quality protection presentation at the Potter Burns School in Pawtucket.

C. Grants tally was presented

1. Some of the excess money from Outreach was OK'd by NRCS to be used for grant reporting training now that new process is being developed.

2. Pocasset Flood Water management grant(PL-566) will be completed quickly by March.

D. Molly working on healthy watersheds for a Dexter Pond grant and ATB (America the Beautiful) grant.

IV. Reports –

A. Chair- No report

- B. Rhode Island State Conservation Commission(RISCC)- -no report
- C. NRCS - Leo presented his report
  - 1. 186 applications were received for their programs
  - 2. NRCS is developing an Energy audit plan
  - 3. NRCS is developing an Urban Agriculture plan
- D. Rhode Island Foresters Conservator's Organization(RIFCO)- Woodland workshop for 4th Saturday in February (2/27).
- E. Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts (RI ACD)- Annual meeting in Feb.
  - 1. New England (NE) Leadership Planning the week of March 21.
  - 2. New England Society of American Foresters- "Leadership & Innovation in NE Forestry". March 8-11 in Sturbridge.
- F. Envirothon-
  - 1. Breakfast on April 3, 2016 and Daves in Warwick
- G. District Manager- no report

V. New Business

- A. Family Leave- Motion by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean that family leave will be granted to a person who has "fulfilled 3 month probation period".
- B. New day and time of Board meetings- A trial of new date will start next month to see if more convenient for all Board members.
  - 1. Next month will be TUESDAY, Feb 9 at 4:30 pm.

Motion by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to adjourn at 9:00 pm