

Northern Rhode Island Conservation District Board Meeting (NRICD)

Minutes

March 8, 2016

Jean Lynch

Norm Hammond

Marc Tremblay

Matt Tracy

Dick Went

Amie Parris

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

Molly Allard

Natural Resource Conservation Service(NRCS) Staff:

Leo Smock Randall

Meeting was called to order at 4:28 pm by Chairman Marc Tremblay

I. Minutes:

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

II. Treasurers Report:

- A. A motion made by Dick/2nd by Amie to accept the treasurer's report.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm (SDF)–

1. Motion made by Dick/2nd Amie to accept the proposal to house bees on SDF property.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed Education Protection (SRWEP)-

1. Get Wet Program- Finished program at Scituate and Ponagansett schools
2. Water Festival is Tuesday May 3, 2016.
3. NEIWPC grant- Holding a Septic workshop on March 31.

C. NRCS projects-

Outreach workshops- 3 initiatives- urban farming, scrub/shrub habitat and native bee habitat.
Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG)- small farm manure pick up program.

IV. Reports –

A. Chair- No report

B. Rhode Island State Conservation Committee(RISCC)- -no report

C. NRCS - Leo presented his report

1. CIG- looking for new ideas. Cutoff date 3/31/2016

2. \$24,000 in funding will be available for Carbon Forestry.

D. RI Resource Conservation & Development- Coverts workshop scheduled May 6,7

E. Rhode Island Foresters Conservator's Organization(RIFCO)- May 14 is spring program

F. Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts (RI ACD)

1. EPA is coming out with a drinking water mapping tool to protect source water.

2. Conservation Boot camp training will be available through NRCS for technical employees starts in May.
This will be billed through the AT504 grant per Phou.

G. Envirothon-

1. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to donate \$500 to Envirothon.

H. District Manager-

1. Annual meeting is scheduled for 111/12

V. New Business

A. DOT- Will be inspecting storm water outlets.

B. US Forest endowment grant was submitted by Molly.

F. Seedling sale- Saturday, April 23. Brochures have been mailed out.

1. Next month will meet TUESDAY, April 12 at 4:30 pm.

Motion by Amie/2nd by Matt to adjourn at 5:45 pm