

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes

October 11, 2016

Present:

Executive Directors:

Jean Lynch Matt Tracy
Marc Tremblay

Associate Directors:

Kevin Omerod

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco Molly Allard
Michelle Place

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Marc Tremblay

I. Minutes:

- A. Motion by Jean/2nd by Matt to approve minutes.
- B. A sign in sheet will be used at Board meetings each month to demonstrate volunteer hours for grants that have match.

II. Treasurers Report:

- A. Presented by Michelle.
- B. Motion by Jean/2nd by Matt to accept.

III. Old Business

- A. Snake Den Farm –
 1. Both house tenants are leaving. A steering committee needs to meet in October. Look at updating lease agreement with DEM.
- B. CIG (Conservation Innovation Grant)- Kate and Leo have met with farmers that have stockpiles of manure. Need to remove by truckload, then weekly pickup.
- C. Dexter/Hawkins- 2 treatments have been completed to the pond to control the invasive species.
- D. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program
 1. Molly scheduling High Schools programs for fall and winter
 2. Calendars are being printed in will be distributed late fall.
 3. Date for water Festival is May.
 4. Molly is doing an education program in Providence.

5. Well water workshop will be at Ponagansett High School on 11/15.

E. NRCS-

1. Outreach- Walk in the Woods event has been scheduled for Thursday October 13.
2. Workshop on November 29 regarding Federal funding opportunities and programs.
3. At-504 – has awarded more grant money.

F. Emergency Watershed Protection- There has been a lot of activity this month. The agreement that Gina reviewed, has less money coming in than needed to go out to contractors. NRCS needs to provide us with a viable agreement. Need to consider passing on this grant if no clear direction.

G. RCPP- Soils Health- waiting on start date. We will need to look at all the technical hours and how to divide the work.

IV. Reports

A. RI State Conservation Committee- Working on a strategic Plan for State funding

B. Envirothon-no report

C. R C & D - no report

D. RIFCO- In early March there will be a workshop on working forest conservation easements.

E. RIACD- Annual meeting is November 14. The election will take place. Dick Went to step down as treasurer.

F.

G. Motion made by Dick/2nd by Jean that NRICD will pay the expenses for one person to go to NACD.

H. District Manager –

1. Kevin Omerod has been volunteering at Snake Den Farm. Putting up signs on the trails.
2. Molly has training for 3 weeks in Nebraska.

I. NRCS- Zack Fisher to be in Northern area. NRICD asked for funding and map information needed to complete annual report.

V. New Business:

A. Annual Dinner – November 12 at Varnum Armory in East Greenwich

1. Michelle to take lead on organizing and obtaining raffle items for NRICD.

B. Awards

1. Farm of the Year- Verde Vineyards. Gina will order a plaque for presentation at annual dinner.
2. Alan Horenstein- will be recognized for all the accounting work he has done for all districts.

C. Annual report is being compiled by Michelle. Will be completed by annual dinner. These will be used when sending out municipal funding letters to Cities and Towns in December.

Adjourn: Jean/2nd by Matt at 6:05 pm

Due to the Annual Dinner there will be no November meeting. The next meeting date will be Thursday, December 8, at 4:30 pm