

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting
Minutes
December 8, 2016

Present:

Executive Directors:

Jean Lynch Matt Tracy
Marc Tremblay Dick Went

Associate Directors:

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco Molly Allard
Michelle Place Naomi Andrews

Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chairman Marc Tremblay

I. Minutes:

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

II. Treasurers Report:

- A. Presented by Michelle. Grant from RI Foundation will be billed quarterly. Runs 11/2016-11/2017 for \$12,000.
- B. Motion by Dick/2nd by Matt to accept.

III. Old Business

- A. Snake Den Farm –
 - 1. John moving out by end of year. Ad placed for looking for new tenants. Kate will review.
 - 2. There is a bond with State for Recreational space. SDF is on list for a site that is in need of repairs.
 - 3. The roof on the house needs some repair work.
 - 4. The new SDF logo that Naomi created was presented. Motion by Dick/2nd by Matt to approve the new logo.
- B. Dexter/Hawkins- 2 treatments have been completed to the pond to control the invasive species. Working on getting match and then will invoice DEM. Treatment will be for 3 years
- C. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program
 - 1. Get Wet program was at Ponagansett High School. Scituate H.S will be next
 - 2. Naomi will be taking over new program that business will be partnered with Watershed.
- D. NRCS-

1. CIG (Conservation Innovation Grant)- Leo from NRCS needs to address the back log of manure before he can address the weekly pickup.
 2. Outreach- Next workshop CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) runs on January 9 in Northern District.
- E. RCPP- Soils Health- waiting on start date.
- F. Annual Dinner- was held on November 12 and was very successful.
- G. Annual report has been completed by Michelle. Will be sent to municipalities with request for funding letter.
- H. Legislative outreach- There are 66 State Senators and Reps in the district. Board will need to make phone calls to them to request reinstatement of State funding.

IV. Reports

- A. RI State Conservation Committee- No report
- B. Envirothon-no report
- C. R C & D - no report
- D. RIFCO- no report
- E. RIACD- Jean Lynch is the new Treasurer. NACD Annual meeting is Jan 30-Feb 2 in Denver.

V. New Business:

- A. Seedling program in conjunction with a fundraiser. Need to capitalize on Tulip Festival and amount of people coming to our location at Snake Den Farm. Ideas were vetted. Possible food trucks. Selling water bottles etc.

Adjourn: Dick/2nd by Jean at 6:25 pm