

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting
Minutes
January 10, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Jean Lynch

Marc Tremblay

Dick Went

Guests:

Rebecca Schultz

Allison Hamel

Associate Directors:

Norm Hammond

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

Molly Allard

Michelle Place

Kate Sayles

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 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. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

- 1. Lease renewal for 2nd floor. Looking for tenants for 1st floor.
- 2. New windows are going in with the money from Champlin Foundation.
- 3. Seedling sale will happen at SDF on April 8
- 4. Farm Management Plan for SDF was presented. Approximately 10-a5 acres available for tree harvest

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

- 1. A transition plan was created for SOP when Molly is out on maternity leave.
- 2. Get Wet program was at Ponagansett High School involving a well water testing program. The results have been compiled in map format.
- 3. May 2 will be the Water Festival
- 4. Naomi will be taking over new program that involves Outreach with businesses

C. NRCS-

- 1. CIG (Conservation Innovation Grant)-
 - 1 Steering committee will be meeting soon. Topic is the new strategy for the future.

2. Outreach- Next workshop CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program) ran on January 9 in Northern District. There are 2 more workshops scheduled.
3. RCPP- Soils Health- Kevin Omerod has been hired by SRICD to work on soil health.
 - 1 We have been asked to create a Conservation Plan for Long Island Sound.
 - 2 Regional Forestry – not sure of our role in this
 - 3 Asked to create 105 conservation plans in the next 5 years.

IV. Reports

- A. RI State Conservation Committee- The strategic plan was voted on.
 1. Maria Mack is taking the lead with getting a line item for the Conservation Districts to be in the budget.
- B. Envirothon-requested \$500. Motion was made by Dick/ 2nd by Jean to approve.
- C. R C & D - a farm energy workshop is scheduled in all 3 districts.
- D. RIFCO- Winter workshop is coming up.
- E. RIACD- Jean Lynch is the new Treasurer. Dick Went is President, Paul Dolan is VP. NACD Annual meeting is Jan 30-Feb 2 in Denver.

V. New Business:

- A. Paul has a grant with RC & D for 2 indoor workshops and 1 outdoor workshops. Need to pick topics. Marc will secure a woodlot site. Motion mad by Dick/2nd by Jean to co-sponsor workshop.

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