

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting
Minutes
February 14, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay Matt Tracy
Dick Went

Guests:

Phou Vongkhamdy Alan Gillespie
Cassius Spears Jermaine Jenkin

Associate Directors:

Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco
Michelle Place

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 Matt to accept.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

- 1. Motion made by Marc/2nd by Dick to approve the BioBlitz on June 9. This is contingent on finding enough tables and chairs. The use of the barn as a tent is appropriate and can be used for science central.
- 2. Farmers update- The farmers met to discuss upcoming years activities.
- 3. State has offered more land to SDF (approx. 12 acres) behind the DEM building.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

- 1. Chris, Rich, Molly and Gina met. RWU interns will start again to work on business green certification in the Scituate Watershed.
- 2. Storm drain stenciling was requested.
- 3. Prov Water want regular septic system workshops

C. NRCS-

- 1. CIG (Conservation Innovation Grant)- Finalizing grant. Will not develop compost on watershed.
- 2. Outreach- Next workshop -High tunnels in March

3. RCPP 2016 - Soils Health- Kevin Omerod has been hired by SRICD to work on soil health.
4. RCPP Long Island Sound- Kate Bousquet is leading this project.
5. RCPP Regional Forestry – HFRP land acquisition
6. RCPP 2017 Conservation Planning – Has been approved- now writing on MOU

IV. Reports

- A. Chair- no report
- B. RI State Conservation Committee- no report
- C. NRCS- Cassius new point of contact. Provided report.
- D. Envirothon-no report
- E. R C & D - no report
- F. RIFCO- Winter workshop is March 4
- G. RIACD- Jean Lynch submitted written report of Annual meeting.
- H. District Manager- no report

V. New Business:

- A. Seedling sale- Finalizing brochure for mailing. Date of sale is April 8.
- B. Emergency Watershed Protection Project
 1. Motion made by Dick/2nd by Matt for Marc to sign this proposal for the flood plain easement program. This will include 10% indirect.
 1. The government will buy 14 lots- NRCS will pay landowners w/ structure for easements. They will get the Geographical area appraisal (GAA) for the market value appraisal before the disaster.
 2. District responsibility is to be the sponsor.
 - a. To send certified letters to landowners
 - b. Give them list of properties they can buy. Landowner is responsible for moving costs
 - c. Develop a restoration plan for the vegetation.

Adjourn: Dick/2nd by Matt at 6:40 pm