

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes April 11, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay Matt Tracy
Dick Went

Guests:

Chris Modisette (for Cassius Spears)

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco Kate Sayles
Michelle Place

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

I. Minutes:

A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Matt to approve minutes with amendment to SDF that the use of the Barn MAY be appropriate for use as a tent.

II. Treasurers Report:

A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Matt to accept report presented by Michelle. Quarterly grants tally was presented.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

1. Motion made by Marc/2nd Dick to allow Marc to sign the Forest Management Plan once Paul and Marc have finalized. Matt abstained.
2. Farmers update- Wicked Tulips has been approved for expansion. Road issues need to be addressed by them and present a long term plan after Tulip festival. NRICD will set standards of what needs to be done.
 - 1 Foggy Notion- Prophouse was preapproved- Need to dig conduit.
 - 2 Motion Dick/2nd Marc Anyone building on SDF must get the proper approval from NRICD but also the proper building official when necessary.
3. April 29 there will be a mountain bike event on SD Park property.
4. Bio Blitz- Need tables and chairs
5. Jean will be working the Tulip festival selling bags and soda.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

1. Waterfestival- May 2

C. NRCS-

Gina gave update on all NRCS projects

She also presented the Board with a new staffing plan for all state wide technical programs funded by NRCS. Kate B. recommended to be lead connection to NRCD & oversee all technical staff with Kate Sayles assisting her. Board agreed that if NRCS & other districts accept this it is acceptable to NRCD.

Chris passed out report outlining EQIP stats and press release on expanding funding for high tunnels in RI.

IV. Reports

A. Chair- no report

B. RI State Conservation Committee- Motion by Dick/2nd Matt was agreed that Paul will communicate at the RISCC meeting NRCD Board concerns about lack of communication.

C. NRCS- Chris Provided report.

D. Envirothon-no report

E. R C & D - Coverts May 12 & 13- Energy program

F. RIFCO- Spring program is Saturday May 6 at Diamond Hill Park in Cumberland. Problems with gypsy and winter moth defoliation. Paul Ricard and Fern Graves speaking 9-12

G. RIACD- NE meeting August 13 in Burlington, Vermont

H. NACD- Summer meeting in DeMoines Iowa. Dick & Paul not going.

V. New Business: None

Adjourn: Dick/2nd by Matt at 6:30 pm