

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes May 9, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay

Omerod

Dick Went

NRCS:

Matt Tracy

Jean Lynch

Cassius Spears

Kevin

Associate Director:

Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

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.

II. Treasurers Report:

A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Matt to accept financial reports presented by Michelle.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

1. Bio Blitz will take place the weekend of June 9. Kate attended the orientation outlining the weekend activities and tasks needed to complete. Registration for attendees is needed. Need approx. 120 chairs. Have table and tent. Jean will do fundraising at the event.

1 A motion was made by Dick/2nd by Matt to thank Jean for all her help with fundraising.

2. Expansion plan- we have been offered the Field and parks headquarters.

3. LASSA grant- we will find out on May 19 if we will receive this grant.

4. Paulus will be expanding his acreage.

5. Vendors at SDF- need to have in the lease the process for vendors. Kate will check with DEM to see if a concession license is needed.

6. Ag day is May 17- Molly will be organizing this.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

1. Waterfestival- That was held on May 2 went well.

2. We are starting a Business Outreach. Roger Williams University did a presentation at Scituate High School and those students wanted to start a program removing the Styrofoam lunch trays that are used.

3. Molly is finishing up with the elementary school visits.

C. NRCS-

1. Cassius gave report. 45 applications. June 16 is deadline for round 2.

- 2. Ag Tech- AT504. An additional \$110,000 was added to this grant through 2018.**
- 3. Outreach- An additional \$75,000 was added to this grant.**
- 4. Soil Health- Kevin will be increasing his hours with ERICD on soil testing.**
- 5. Last Green Valley- Lois will be spearheading. Creating a Forest Management Plan that has a wildlife component.**
- 6. RCPP- Naomi will be working on making Conservation Plans for people who sign up for Farm Forest and Open Space (FFOS).**
- 7. EWP - Agreement has been signed. Gina contacting all the landowners. We will bill this quarterly by task.**

IV. Reports

- A. Chair- no report**
- B. RI State Conservation Committee- There was a Legislative Grant meeting on May 2.**
- C. NRCS- See above**
- D. Envirothon-May 19 event at East Farm at URI**
- E. R C & D - Coverts May 12 & 13- Energy program**
- F. RIFCO- no report**
- G. RIACD- NE meeting August 13 in Burlington, Vermont**
- H. NACD- Summer meeting in DeMoines Iowa. D**

V. New Business: None

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