

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes September 12, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay Matt Tracy

Dick Went Jean Lynch

Associate Director: Paul Dolan

NRCS:

Cassius Spears

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 Jean/2nd by Dick to accept financial reports presented by Michelle. The Budget vs. year end was presented to gauge how we finished YE 2016-17.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm – Report submitted by Kate

1. LASA grant of \$19,613 was received. This will fund 10 hours of Farm Manager time.

1 Motion made by Dick/2nd by Jean to allow Kate to purchase a sitting lawn mower for SDF.
Matt abstained.

2. Champlin Grant was closed out. All money has been spent.

3. Trails grant- Spent \$2946.96. Not funded due to miscommunication about reporting

4. NRICD loan repayment. Motion made by Dick/2nd by Jean to increase monthly repayment amount from \$350 to \$500/month starting in January

5. Outline of farm income and expenses was presented.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

1. Meeting with Roger Williams University to go over internship program addressing the Styrofoam lunch tray issue with the Scituate schools.

2. Calendars are done

3. Naomi working on placemats

4. There will be Septic system workshop on September 20.

C. NRCS-

1. Outreach-

a. 2 workshops scheduled.

2. EWP - Met with the engineering firm, GRA Inc. Waiting on appraisals to come in from Washington DC. A press release will go out after we own the land.
3. CIG- Conservation Innovation Grant- Final steering committee meeting on Sept 20.
4. RCPP- Conservation Plan has been signed by Maria and Phou. Naomi and Kate B to work on this.
5. Soil Health- Keving Omerod is working with Kate B on taking soil samples
6. Regional Forestry- Conference in CT on 9/28. Kate is working with forest landowners to write forest plans.

IV. Reports

- A. Chair- no report
- B. RI State Conservation Committee- October 19 will be RI erosion control field day.
 1. RISCC is looking into fish ladder installations on the Blackstone River using grandfathered WHIP(Wildlife Habitat improvement) money.
- C. NRCS- Cassius presented report. Discussion on EWP Floodplain Easement Implementation in Johnston and funds released to date for project.
- D. Envirothon-No report
- E. R C & D - Revamping coverts program in future
 1. CIG has been approved for "forestry for the birds"
- F. RIFCO- Summer twilight series on August 10 was well attended. Working on a fall tour.
- G. RIACD- Pocassett project is in its next phase of designing all the flood walls.
 1. New engineering contract through the Southern District. Association will hire engineer.
- H. NACD- Summer meeting in DeMoines Iowa.
- I. District Manager- New copy machine has been ordered

V. New Business:

- A. Annual Dinner- Michelle will call a planning meeting with all entities. Annual meeting will be November 11 at Varnum Armory.
 1. Awards- State wide award given to a legislator that helped us with obtaining funding.

Adjourn: Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean at 6:30 pm