

# Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

## Minutes October 10, 2017

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay      Matt Tracey

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/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to approve.

II. Treasurers Report:

A. Motion by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean to accept financial reports presented.

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

1. No applications for the RFP for farmland has been received yet.
2. The issues with the water and utilities was discussed.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program

1. Calendars will be distributed this month
2. Get Wet will begin at Ponnagansett.
3. Workshop in Gloucester Free Library at 1137 Putnam Pike

C. NRCS-

1. Outreach-
  - a. Molly looking for a livestock producer for an outreach even
2. EWP -Waiting on appraisals to come in from Washington DC.
3. CIG- Conservation Innovation Grant- Finalizing grant.
4. Soil Health- Kevin Omerod is getting first full plan ready.
6. Regional Forestry- Meeting with Audubon on 10/23

IV. Reports

A. Chair- no report

B. RI State Conservation Committee-no report

C. NRCS- Cassius presented report. There will be 2 new hires within the month.

- D. Envirothon-Orientation on October 19. Event will be May 18, 2018 at Goddard Park.
- E. R C & D - Revamp New grant with NRCS that combines 4 of the smaller grants
- F. RIFCO- Fall tour will be at Field Hill Road highlighting the impact of gypsy moths on oaks in the area.
- G. RIACD- Motion by Jean/2<sup>nd</sup> by Marc to pay the \$775 annual dues.
  - 1. Annual meeting is November 13
- H. NACD- Possible national meeting in RI in near future.
- I. District Manager- nothing additional.

V. New Business:

- A. Annual Dinner/Meeting will take place on November 11 at Varnum Armory. Michelle coordinating with other entities.
  - 1. Winner of Farm of the Year for NRICD is Big Train Farm.
- B. A small grant was awarded to study mitigated flooding. Motion by Jean/2<sup>nd</sup> Marc to approve that the grant be passed through RIACD.

Adjourn: Motion by Dick/2<sup>nd</sup> by Jean at 5:35 pm