

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes January 9, 2018

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay

Dick Went

Associate Director:

Jean Lynch

Norman Hammond

NRCS:

Cassius Spears

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

Michelle Place

Meeting was called to order at 4:35 pm by Chairman Marc Tremblay

I. Minutes:

A. Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean to approve.

II. Treasurers Report:

A. It was asked that we contact Alan to review our balance sheet and P & L

III. Old Business

A. Snake Den Farm –

1. Finalizing final applicants for new farmers.
2. Loan repayment to NRICD has increased to \$500/month
3. DEM is ready to sign agreement to grant bond funds to work on projects like bulkhead, basement stairs, electrical, ventilation. Quote need to be acquired to let them know amount needed.

B. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program – Nothing new to report

C. NRCS-

1. Outreach-
 - a. Workshops on January 23 Hope Associates in Scituate and January 31 in Exeter Public Library
2. EWP -Waiting on appraisals to come in from Washington DC.
4. RCPP Soil Health- Kevin Omerod is working on this and it is moving along well.
6. RCPP - Regional Forestry- Last Green Valley- have not been successful in coordinating yet. Gina will send a 30 day notice to Lois at Last Green Valley stating that we need to enter into a signed agreement with is so that we can allocate and schedule staff.
7. RCPP Farm Conservation Plans – Naomi is working with Eric Boettger to develop the template that will be followed for all future Farm Conservation Plans. Working also with RIDEM for Data base Development.

IV. Reports

A. Reports are now emailed ahead of time.

1. RISCC- will develop training for Board members and Directors.
2. NRCS- April 20 is the deadline for applications.

V. New Business:

- A. Municipal Comprehensive Plans- Maria Mack mentioned there is a threat to the continuance of municipal comprehensive plans. Marc will look into this.
- B. Motion by Jean/2nd by Marc to have Dick be the NRICD rep for the RISCC Board
- C. Grounds- Gina will get a quote for a ramp in back of office and fix the stairs in the front and install rail.
 1. We will get a quote on salting the driveway and path from snowplow company.

Adjourn: Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean at 6:05 pm.