

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes May 7, 2018

3 – 6 PM Snake Den Farm, 90 Brown Avenue, Johnston, RI

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay Matt Tracy

Dick Went Jean Lynch

Associate Directors: Norman Hammond Paul Dolan

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco Kate Sayles Molly Allard

NRCS Staff:

Phou Vongkhamdy Cassius Spears

The meeting began with a Meet and Greet with Legislators, Town Administrators, NRICD Board of Directors, NRCS

The following guest were present for meet and greet portion of the meeting:

George Carvalho , Senator Whitehouse Chief of Staff; Ken Ayars, Chief RIDEM Div. of Ag; Paulette Hamilton, North Smithfield Town Administrator and Lt. Gov. Policy Advisor; Mayor Fung of Cranston and his Chief of Staff Carlos Lopez Estrada, J.D. and his Press person; Representative Carlos Tobon of Pawtucket and Finance Committee for RI and his family. Minutes:

A. Tabled

I. Old Business

A. Building and Grounds –

1. Stairs will be completed in about 3 weeks or so.

B. Snake Den Farm – Kate Sayles sent a written report.

C. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program - Tabled

D. NRCS-

1. Outreach- Tabled

2. EWP –Waiting for appraisals

3. RCPP Soil Health- Eric Boettger (trainer) is away for 4 months, Chris is providing guidance.

4. RCPP - Regional Forestry- Lois is moving forward

5. RCPP Farm Conservation Plans – One plan complete.

II. New Business:

A. Administrative Assistant Vacancy – board instructed Gina to write up a position description and prepare to advertise for someone focused on finances and able to do other administrative projects in the office.

B. NACD Capacity - Tabled

Adjourn: Motion by Dick/2nd by Jean at 6:20 pm