

Northern RI Conservation District (NRICD) Board Meeting

Minutes July 12, 2018

5:30 PM, 2283 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI

Present:

Executive Directors:

Marc Tremblay

Dick Went Jean Lynch

Associate Directors:

NRICD Staff:

Gina DeMarco

NRCS Staff:

Guests: Roland Duhamel, Glocester; Paulette Hamilton, North Smithfield; Linda Marini – Book keeping Contractor NRICD

I. Minutes: Accepted. Went/Lynch

II. Treasurer's Report – Profit and Loss and Balance sheets received.

A. Quarterly grant funding reports were distributed from the end of the FY and beginning of new FY

B. 2017-2018 actual budget was reviewed

C. 2018-2019 Proposed budget was reviewed and small changes recommended that will clarify funds used for capitol improvements.

The budget was approved. Went/Lynch

D. State Funding – Designated Grants – Districts have been approved to receive \$15,000 each. All paperwork and documentation has been submitted by Gina.

III. Old Business

A. Building and Grounds –

1. Stairs have not been started and Gina has not heard from the contractor.

B. Snake Den Farm – Foggy Notion extended their lease. The meeting on irrigation went well.

C. Scituate Reservoir Watershed- Education Program – A new proposal for increasing outreach and education into providence has been submitted to the leadership of PW upon their request. The Forest Management Plan for Ponagansett School will continue into the next school year.

D. NRCS- 1. Outreach- The last workshop in Northern was well attended and resulted in several applications.

2. EWP –Waiting for appraisals

3. RCPP Soil Health- Going well.

4. RCPP - Regional Forestry- There is a lot of interest in the easement program.

5. RCPP Farm Conservation Plans – Seven plans complete. Putting this on hold until we use up the funds from NACD TA. Marina Capraro will take over the writing of Conservation Plans.

New Business:

A. Web Design/Branding Proposal – The board reviewed the proposal from Luminous. While it looks good, it is an expense we cannot incur right now. Board would like Jill from Mouseworks to provide advice. If we are able to get a grant to revamp the website, that would make it doable.

B. New RCPP Implementation Agreement/staffing: We will be

beginning work on this new agreement. I am not sure how the staffing will divide the workload.

C. Annual Dinner- Suggest RISSC determine who will get a legislative award and that they purchase and present the award. Gina is to contact Michelle Place to determine the date and how we can provide the dinner with Michelle gone. Gina will look into a few possibilities for venues and find out if we pre-paid for Varnum Armory.

Adjourn: Motion by Went/Lynch at 7:40 pm.