

Meeting Minutes

for

August 12, 2004

Ted called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

In attendance: Directors- Richard Hart, Emerson Wildes, Walter Elwell, Ted Comerford. ERICD: Tom Sandham, Justine Calcina. NRCS: Peter Bonome.

I. Minutes

Motion to accept July minutes as written- Unanimous.

II. Reports

Treasurer's

The treasurer's report was presented to the board. The Bank of Newport Checking Account Ending balance as of July 31, 2004 was \$11,153.20. The Smith Barney account balance as of July 31, 2004 was \$5,292.14.

District Manager

The grant proposal for agricultural equipment was rejected by the Champlin foundation.

The District has reached the client goal for fulfilling the NRCS Phase I TSP contract.

Stephanie the intern has been very busy mapping invasive plants in the District. It appears an invasive cucumber plant has been found on Aquidneck Island.

The Grazing Land contract negotiations are ongoing. Tom says there is a lot of interest in the new program.

High demand for good quality hay continues to exist in RI. The Eight Rod field may be used to demonstrate seed plantings; Allan's Seed store in Exeter indicated they could assist in the obtaining the seed. Emerson questioned if a local store could donate the seed; Tom indicated he wanted to work with Allan Seed's due to their strong reputation with research & development, in addition they supply the local distributors.

Project Coordinator

The RFP for the Allin's Cove Water Quality Restoration project is ready to go out to bid for the Town of Barrington. Justine wrote the RFP for the Town.

Justine was scheduled to meet with Ann Morrill to discuss the septic system information brochure she is helping to create, however the meeting was cancelled.

The Warren Conservation Commission will meet with Justine regarding the Open Space and Coastal Rights-of-way brochure that the District was agreed to develop for the Town, as a service for the money owed the Conservation Commission.

NRCS

Peter provided the conservationist report for August, providing detailed updates on the large amount of NRCS projects taking place in the District.

III. Old Business

The Directors agreed to invite District legislators to the District's Annual Meeting, as opposed to hosting a "legislative breakfast".

IV. New Business

The Directors agreed that Tom write a letter to the State Conservation committee asking them to comment or provide input on the Portsmouth Abbey request for FFOS status.

The board discussed and agreed to spend time assisting District farmers with pasture and hay problems.

Motion to adjourn 8:45 p.m.