

## Eastern Rhode Island Conservation District

Date: May 23 2016

Start: 7:00 pm

Location: Sandywoods 73 Muse Way Tiverton, RI

Attendees: **ERICD members** – Russ Smith, Nancy Parker Wilson, Emerson Wildes, Ron Mucci  
**Guests-** , M. Hayden, Jean Lynch (NRICD), Sara Churgin (District Manager)

### 1. Introductions

2. Minutes from April 25, 2016 – R. Mucci moves to approve, E. Wildes seconded. Motion passed.

### 3. District Manager Report

- S. Churgin describes each agreement.
- *CTA Ag Tech Agreement (2014-2017)* – J. Peterson functions as a planner at NRCS and he takes care of meetings and creating plans for farmers. Churgin reported ERICD requested a match contribution reduction. Request was granted per J. Bouchand. Board member time is used for match during ERICD and RISCC meetings.
- *Oyster Restoration* – E. Schneider at DEM looking at July 2016 for at viable waters in Eastern. S. Churgin will keep following up with him for July.
- *NACD Urban Ag Grant* – \$50,000 go to 20 applicants. Needs viability after one year. 3 districts are writing it together. Aquidneck Community Table going to be a partner.
- *Farm Viability Grant* - Not Granted
- *Portsmouth Schools* – Agreed to participate in Education Outreach
- *Healthy Watershed Grant* – not granted.
- *KRC Agreement* – S. Churgin working on the project, very slow going.
- *GIC* – ERICD participating in VanBuren grant for neighborhood outreach on stormwater management.
- *Tic Workshop* – Still haven't found someone. N. Parker Wilson suggested getting in touch with Newport Hospital as they have a Lyme Disease Unit. Could also do Coyote workshop. Numi Mitchell does work on Aquidneck Island about them.
- *Local Work Groups* – Discussion of holding.
- *Community Service Grants* – Appeared before the Senate Finance Committee to explain what we do. All Conservation Districts and RISCC.
- *Mike Viola* - Raise approved to \$28.29/hr from \$23/hr. His other requests will be looked at at a later time. (health insurance or retirement, more vacation and sick time, \$ when office is closed). R. Mucci makes a motion to approve his raise. Seconded by N. Parker Wilson. Motion passed.
- *ERICD Meet and Greet* – We will have it at Greenvale Vineyards for the district's legislators.

**S. Churgin will reach out to Numi Mitchell re Coyotes.**

**S. Churgin to arrange meeting for local work groups of farmers to discuss common needs, and then relay those to NRCS. Have a brainstorming session with refreshments. Greenvale Vineyards. Wednesdays. Talk about what is working, how things are going, tics, coyotes, moths, etc. Tell them what ERICD is doing now and what would they like now.**

- Jean Lynch – Going to the Summer NACD meeting. Wanted to hear about what ERICD is doing because she'll have to give a report on each district.

- NRCS Report (Melissa Hayden) – Report given.

### 4. RISCC

- *Geese Abatement Phase II* – Workshops done, training done and oiling done

- *Engineering Agreements* - status quo
- *Workers' Comp bill paid and audit sent in.*

5. Financials - N. Parker Wilson made a motion that in receipt of financials. R. Mucci seconded it. Motion Passed.

6. Meeting Adjourns – R. Mucci moves to adjourn. N. Parker Wilson seconds.

Respectfully submitted by Sara Churgin

**Next Meeting August 29, 2016 7pm**