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**SRICD Minutes**  
**Bryson Tree Farm Farms**  
**3:00 to 6:00 pm, July,28,2014**

**Present:** Clark Collins, Chair; Rudi Hempe, Vice-Chair; Harvey Buford, Treasurer; Harriet Powell, Secretary; Carl Sawyer, Board Member; Eric Scherer and Peter Stetson, Associate Members; John Richard and Stu Tefft, NRCS; Kate Bosquet, District Manager.

After a tour of the Bryson Tree Farm, Clark brought the meeting to order at 4:05pm. with tea and cucumber sandwiches kindly served by the Bryson's

Minutes: Harvey, Rudi, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: (July financial statement, accompanies these minutes). \$12,857.45 total in bank account plus receivables. Kate forging ahead with the bookkeeping. Harvey was glad that we had taken in more than we had spent. Harvey also asked about how much of the total grant relating to RI Watershed Watch would be available to SRICD and was told that money was a pass through. SRICD will receive admin fees/ Harriet moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Rudi seconded. Unanimous.

District Manager's Report (Please see accompanying written DM Report as well as a written report by Kat Zuromski on the scope of her work done for SRICD).

For the CSP grant, Kate is working with John re: the required SRICD match. Ten plans this year as the time has been extended, Jon suggested that for match, ask Brian Taft and others about work done in concert with him as possible match. A discussion followed about asking partners for match time if can qualify. New work includes a request from Coventry Land trust for which a contract will be devised, the mapping project at Cocumscussoc, and a plot map for the NK Land Conservancy and a plot in NK. Other work is also listed in the District Manager

's report. Rudi mentioned cooperator's agreements, Kate noted that all files were now in SRICD offices having been transferred from SCC. Clark signed the West Greenwich Land Trust contract, and the D&O insurance.

NRCS Report, John Richard (A copy of John's NRCS report accompanies these minutes.) John says lots of work in Wash County with 37 applications. There are 119 statewide contracts obligated for \$1,010,133 of which 73% are in Wash County. John also reported on oyster restoration. Only shell can be used, but spat will be allowed in 2015.

SCC Report: A copy of the minutes of the July9, 2014 SCC meeting accompanies these minutes,

Old Business:

Soil and Sediment Control Handbook Agreement. Eric talked about the five-year \$64,200.00 grant to continue/complete(?) the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook in conjunction with URI" Lorraine Joubert. SRICD will receive \$23,500 the first year, and Lorraine's office will receive a single payment of \$22,000 as a pass through which can be used by SRICD for expertise

Rain Barrel initiative with Beverly O'Keefe. Where SRICD participating in events at which Beverly does not attend, can offer rain barrels (as well as installation?) if the group so decides. We can sell at \$85 and give Beverly \$75. Decided that it would be a good idea to advertise by sending emails to list. Peter suggested putting on website. Peter suggested a form and Rudi said he could supply forms, Ideas, to have a package that includes cost of rain barrel, delivery and installation. Will not offer at next East Farm event on Aug 16<sup>th</sup> as Beverly usually attends.

SRICD Policy Subcommittee. Question to answer is do we have a cap on overhead that we can relay to those who would need to comply with cap? Agreed to ask the Wood-Pawcatuck people. Eric says SCC has a policy handbook with a supplement for Districts that might help with policy development. One of questions we need answered: how do we come up with overhead costs?. Committee, Harvey, Eric, Kate, Harriet and Clark as exofficio.

Motion to create a policy subcommittee, Harriet, Rudy, unanimous. Meeting time will be announced.

SRICD logo on shirts and hats available. Shirts and hats embroidered by students at Coventry High School, Peter will check on.

New Business; SRICD sponsorship of Coventry High School Envirothon Club,

Because of budget issues, Envirothon can no longer be part of the Coventry School. Must find new meeting spot and new sponsor. Other venues for the Envirothon Club were discussed. The SRICD said it would be the sponsor. Peter will be the moving force for the Envirothon as he has been for years. Peter will lead group would meet 2X/month with possibly another weekend meeting. The group pledged its assistance. Forestry will be a topic. Further discussion included possible liability, consultation with agent, Eric suggested regional insurance with a volunteer group doing the organizing since other RI towns are also involved in participating in the Envirothon including tri-town Chariho and Narragansett. The expense of sponsorship was discussed. Expenses would include team t-shirts, 3 workshops and whatever needed on Competition Day. Those involved should look for others to help including Jim Turenne and Gillian, and possibly we could find some grad students. Rudi moved that SRICD would undertake sponsorship of the RI Envirothon Team for one year with expenses not to exceed \$350.00. Carl seconded, unanimous. Peter will update the Board at our next meeting. Our Office Space. It was agreed that SRICD should not depend on URI to continue to provide office space for SRICD. SRICD submitted a formal request over a year ago for office space (current space is an informal one) and has not received an answer, which may be an answer that we should look for another home. Eric has been talking to DEM and it may have some suggestions, or a suggestion. Peter suggested an Exeter location close to Route 3 as a possibility. It has a full kitchen and out buildings. Eric will call Kim Sullivan at DEM ( ?).

Next Meeting: August 18 in Hopkinton with a tour of SRICD's work for the Town of Hopkinton, Will meet at Crandall House. Harvey will notify the Board.

Eric mentioned the \$400.00 donation from Richmond. We should offer them the title of municipal cooperator which would entitle them to a reduced rate for outreach, etc. He will be preparing a plan for municipal cooperators

Harriet moved to adjourn; seconded, unanimous, 6:02pm