

## **NIANTIC RIVER BOARD DEVELOPMENT MEETING**

**Date:** December 15, 2009

**Time:** 4-6 pm

**Place:** Waterford Town Hall

**Mark Branse (lawyer):**

- See handout for his notes
- Also there is about \$500 left in ECCD's account with his law firm to ask for more advice or to have him come in to a meeting again.

**Margaret Miner:**

- Need to figure out funding → federal funding is there but you first need an organization to get it.
- She suggested going to local community and family foundations to find funding → pay particular attention to their goals for the environment.
- She would lean towards becoming a land trust because the best way to conserve is to own land (suggested to talk to Kevin Case).
- Also she suggested talking to the Pomperaug River Coalition and Sally Harold of The Nature Conservancy and her association with the Saugatuck River Partnership.
- Also she suggested that we could work with Dominion since there were new stormwater laws.
  - However, you don't want to compete with other groups for money so partnering is always a good thing as well.

**Jean Pillo (Thames River Basin Partnership):**

- She stressed that coming up with regular meetings is imperative.
- Also, during the meetings there should be a time where everyone who attends can speak about what they've done in regards to the "partnership" since the last time they met.
- She says a newsletter is also nice to have to give to your membership to show where their membership fees are going.