

Niantic River Watershed Long Island Sound Futures Fund Meeting

Date: April 1st 2010

Time: 4-6 pm

**Place: 35 Oswegatchie Road
Waterford, CT**

Meeting Minutes

Attendance:

Present: Sarah Lamagna, Fred Grimsey, John Jasper

Regrets: Eric Thomas, Chris Tomichek, Laura Rotchford, Don Landers, and Bob DeSanto

1. Background of LISFF

- i. Sarah passed out copies of the LISFF webinar PowerPoint presented on March 16, 2010 which can also be found online at www.nfwf.org/lisff.
- ii. Fred had copies of the Request for Proposals that also can be found at www.nfwf.org/lisff.

2. Discussion of IMPLEMENTATION Project

- i. Fred's first instinct is to look into the portion of the LISFF regarding Planning, Innovation, and Education grants. He would like to see an implementation of NRWAC becoming an official coalition. He was thinking NRWAC could hire Mark Branse (a lawyer who specializes in this sort of stuff) to write up ordinances for the 4 towns involved in the watershed.
- ii. According to Public Act 117, towns can form organizations without being approved by state legislation. NRWAC would fall under this type of organization.
- iii. Sarah and John agree that in order to get future grants and future funding, NRWAC has to be an official organization to make us look legitimate. This would involve getting all four towns to agree to adding an ordinance involving NRWAC as an official organization of the town.
- iv. We could also look at the Water Quality Monitoring program that Fred Grimsey and Save the River-Save the Hills does. This is a second option.

3. Lead/Contact for the grant

- i. Since a 501(c)3 organization has to apply for the grant, the best group to do this is Save the River-Save the Hills. Fred will be the main contact with NRWAC participating as a grant partner.

4. Application Process

- i. Fred will contact the NFWF people to ask about our project and its validity while Sarah will speak with Eric Thomas to see his opinion.
- ii. Fred and Sarah are working at the first page of the application which is the “meat” of the application. Once that is finished, all the rest is logistics, financial information, etc.

5. Next steps

- i. Bring this idea to the NRWAC group as a whole and vote on it.
- ii. Once the idea is accepted, finish the application process. Fred, again, will be the lead with NRWAC as a grant partner.

6. Meeting adjourned