

# Niantic River Watershed Monitoring Working Group Meeting

**Date:** March 9<sup>th</sup> 2010

**Time:** 4-5:30 pm

**Place:** Waterford Town Hall

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance:

**Present:** Sarah Lamagna, Don Landers, Chris Tomichuk, Franca Parra, Fred Grimsey, Bob DeSanto, Dave Turner, John Jasper, Richard Mason, Joe Mingo, Marcia Benvenuti, Dave LaFleur

**Absent:** Katherine Burton, Kim Barber

**Regrets:** Eric Thomas, Don Danila

### 1. Updates from Sarah

- i. **Funding sources:** Sarah described several avenues for the group to find sources of funding. It is best to join forces with a 501c3 organization like Save the River-Save the Hills and apply for a grant together. Fred Grimsey is on board to help out the group with any grants that the group wants to apply for. The latest funding source is the Long Island Sound Futures Fund that has just been announced. There is a “webinar” on March 16<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm to go over the instructions for the proposals. Please feel free to join the webinar.

Documents of funding sources were given out to the members present at the meeting.

- ii. **Library data:** Sarah just wanted to remind people to bring in or send her data to bring in to the library.

### 2. Presentation

- i. **John Jasper: “What is Killing the Eelgrass in the Niantic River Estuary? A Biogeochemical Study of Eutrophication.”**

The presentation is available on the website. Questions were asked and are displayed with their answers below:

**Question:** Should we dredge Golden Spur?

**John:** We should be looking into that.

**Question:** Will the sulfate in the sediments be a problem if we dredge?

**John:** I don't think it will be anything that would amount to much.

**Question/Comment:** We should look into dredging that has been done in the Niantic River or will soon be done (boat company had to do cores for a recent permit).

**3. Next meeting April 13, 2010 5:00 – 6:00 pm**