



Niantic River Watershed Advisory Committee

Board Development Meeting

July 13, 2010

3:00 - 4:00 pm

LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall

Attendees: Bob De Santo, Fred Grimsey, Dave Lersch, Joe Mingo, Marvin Schutt, Sara Schwartz, Eric Thomas, CT DEP, Judith Rondeau, Niantic River Watershed Coordinator

Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 3:14 pm.

1. Welcome: Judy welcomed participants to the meeting.
2. Introductions: No new attendees were present so introductions were skipped.
3. Review of Minutes of June 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes – Attendees reviewed the June meeting minutes. No revisions were indicated; the minutes were accepted by consensus.
4. Discussion:
 - a. Logos: Participants reviewed the draft Niantic River Watershed Association, Inc. logos prepared by Bob De Santo. Discussion followed regarding logos of Niantic watershed towns. It was suggested that version k be sent to all members for review and comment prior to the August meeting.
 - b. By-Laws: Participants reviewed the draft by-laws, which were updated to reflect discussion at the June meeting. Bob De Santo stated that the draft by-laws were based on the by-laws of an existing non-profit (East Lyme Public Trust Foundation, Inc.). Discussion followed regarding the by-laws relative to the type of organization the watershed group will eventually be, including the possible formation of a non-profit organization. Judy distributed an information packet on becoming a 501c3 organization for members to review for future discussion. The question was raised whether the draft by-laws would be submitted to the watershed towns for review. Discussion ensued regarding town buy-in and support of the by-laws and the watershed group. Discussion also took place whether the final watershed group would have open membership or town-appointed members only. Judy stated that development of the by-laws will go hand-in-hand with determination of what type of organization the watershed group will become. To further that process, she is arranging a round table discussion with representatives from several watershed groups for next month's meeting. This will give the three Niantic Watershed subcommittees the opportunity to ask questions about the various watershed groups' genesis, organizational make-up, projects, outreach and so forth. Dave Lersch

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asked what the timeline was for establishment of the board. Judy stated she hoped the board would be finalized by late summer/early fall.

c. Organization Type – Topic of August meeting.

5. New Business – No new business was discussed.

6. Next meeting – **Watershed Groups Round Table – August 10th, 2010, 3:00 pm, LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Action Items:

~ **Please review the proposed by-laws and logo**