



# *Niantic River Watershed Committee*

## **Minutes**

### **Board Development Subcommittee Meeting**

**December 14, 2010**

**3 - 4 pm**

**LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall**

**15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT**

**Attendees:** Dick Conway, Waterford; Marvin Schutt, East Lyme; Tom Wagner, Town of Waterford; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator

Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 3:06 pm.

1. Welcome: Judy welcomed participants to the meeting.
2. Review of November 9, 2010 Meeting Minutes:  
Minutes were approved by consensus.
3. Watershed Coordinator's Report:  
Judy distributed a brief report of her activities for the period of September to December 2010.
4. Discussion:
  - a. By-laws: Marvin Schutt stated that during a recent conversation with Paul Formica, that term "task force" was suggested rather than "committee" for the watershed group, since it connoted action. It was proposed that the name of the group be revised to Niantic River Watershed Task Force. Judy revised the draft by-laws to reflect this suggestion, and if there are no objections from other members of the group, we will go with "task force" rather than "committee".
  - b. Watershed Compact: Members reviewed the draft Watershed Compact that Judy prepared subsequent to the November 29<sup>th</sup> meeting with the selectmen. During discussion it was suggested that an addition be made to the language of the Compact to tie the draft by-laws and the Compact together. A statement was added to item 2 in the second half of the Compact referring to the appointment of municipal representatives to the board of directors, as outlined in the by-laws.

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## 5. New Business:

- a. Plan of Work – Members reviewed the “Elements in the Plan for Rejuvenating the Environment in the Niantic River Estuary” document prepared by Marvin Schutt, which will be used as a base to begin discussion regarding the preparation of a Plan of Work. We should also review both the Watershed protection Plan and the Guided Summary to be certain we include all recommendations in the Plan of Work. Members also reviewed the *Plan of Work* from the Thames River Basin Partnership as an example of the types of activities undertaken by an established watershed group.
- b. Marvin reported that he has completed his discussions with Niantic area marina owners regarding the upcoming deadline for compliance with revised boat washing regulations.
- c. Miscellaneous: It was suggested that as we work on the Plan of Work, we meet with the Watershed group as a whole so that all members have the opportunity to participate in discussion.

6. Next Meeting: **January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011, 4:00 PM, LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 PM.

## Action Items:

- **Judy will match elements on the “Elements in the Plan” document with grant-designated tasks (both the 2010 grant and the upcoming 2011 grant).**
- **Please refer to the “Elements in the Plan” document, the Niantic River Watershed Protection Plan and the Guided Summary and the TRBP Plan of Work for discussion at next month’s meeting. If you do not have paper copies of these documents please visit the CT DEP website to download digital copies:**

[http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2719&q=379296&depNav\\_GID=1654](http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2719&q=379296&depNav_GID=1654)

**Judy has a limited number of Guided Summaries if anyone would prefer a paper copy.**

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