



Niantic River Watershed Committee

Minutes

Niantic River Watershed Committee Meeting

September 13, 2011

4-6 pm

LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall

15 Rope Ferry Road, Waterford, CT.

Attendees: Fred Grimsey, STR-STH; Len Johnson; Steve Loomis, CT College; Marvin Schutt, East Lyme; Eric Thomas, CT DEP; Chris Tomichek, Waterford; Tom Wagner, Town of Waterford; Judy Rondeau, Watershed Coordinator

1. Welcome: Judy Rondeau opened the meeting at 4:06 pm.
2. Review of August 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Chris Tomichek made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Steve Loomis. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Watershed Coordinator's Report: The Coordinator distributed her report to Committee members and briefly reviewed the items. Judy continues to pursue completion of the appointments to the Board of Directors and is working with Montville to complete appointment of the Montville representatives. She is preparing reference materials for the new directors. Development of the teacher loan kits is ongoing. Planning for the watershed event is ongoing, and should be finalized this week. Judy has heard from US EPA that we have been tentatively approved for the equipment we requested (YSI monitor and Smart3 Colorimeter). Judy is continuing to work with Friends of the Oswegatchie Hills Nature Preserve on the riparian buffer restoration.
4. Partner Reports: Fred Grimsey updated the group on the status of the Niantic River bacteria monitoring. He will continue to collect water samples until November 1st after which the data will be compiled for analysis. Eric Thomas updated the group on the status of 2011 EPA §319 grant round. Eastern Connecticut Conservation District was awarded a grant to install tree filter units in East Lyme and Waterford. This project will likely be conducted in 2013.
5. Discussion:
 - a. Plan of Work: Judy updated the Plan to incorporate rankings of the tasks within each major goal. The updated Plan was emailed to I committee members.
 - b. Establishment of Board of Directors: Judy is working on the Montville director appointments. She plans to schedule the first board meeting in mid-October.

6. Monitoring Data:
 - a. Monitoring Program Development: As Judy reported in the Coordinator's report, she has learned from Diane Switzer of the US EPA that our request for equipment has been approved. She will keep the Committee informed as information becomes available.
7. Outreach:
 - a. Watershed Stakeholder meeting: Committee members finalized the plans for the watershed meeting, to be held September 23rd at Camp Niantic. Discussion included finalizing the agenda, speakers, and the guest list.
 - b. Teacher Loan Kits: Judy stated that she is working on this as time allows.
8. WBP Implementation
 - a. Clark Pond Riparian Buffer Restoration: Judy attended the September 12th East Lyme Inland Wetlands Commission meeting for this project. The Commission has requested that a permit application be submitted for the knotweed eradication.
9. Other Business: None
10. Next Meeting: **October 11, 2011, 4:00 PM, LTA Room, Waterford Town Hall.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.