



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

July 11, 2019

Good evening,

Following is a summary of my activities since the June meeting.

Outreach/Education:

- Niantic River Behavior Change Pilot Project: I participated in planning a 2020 CBSM how-to workshop including a conference call with the CBSM consultant on June 17th.
- Celebrate East Lyme Day: I registered for CELD, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 20th. I ordered grocery bags to give out to booth visitors. Our theme this year will be the environmental/ecological benefits of shellfish to estuarine systems.
- Niantic Bay Sailing Academy Go Green Educational Cocktail Night – I provided Don Landers with outreach material and the Niantic River Trail game for this event, held on June 27th.

Monitoring: Don Danila and I have had discussion about installing temperature loggers in Stony Brook and Oil Mill Brook to document pre-installation water temperature, in the event the solar facility in Waterford moves forward.

NRWPP Update: The NRWPP Update Steering Committee has been working with Fuss & O'Neill on the first few project tasks, including populating the stakeholder list, preparing an invitation letter and putting together a stakeholder survey. I had a conference call with F&O staff this morning. Work is on track; I will report further in the agenda. I submitted the required quarterly project report to CT DEEP on June 15th.

Grants: I've had no new grant opportunities to review.

Water Quality Improvement Projects:

- East Lyme High School Infiltration Project (ECCD): ECCD received four bids for this project. We will be contacting the winning bidder and preparing a contract over the next week. The project is on target for late July/early August 2019.

Staff hours: In May, I worked approximately 27.25 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 19.75 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 7.5 hours were applied to projects, including the Behavior Change project and the Watershed Plan Update.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judy Rondeau
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