



Niantic River Watershed Committee

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Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

January 9, 2020

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I attended a meeting at the US Coast Guard Academy on Dec. 16th to discuss the Coastal Resiliency project in more detail. Also in attendance were Abby Piersall and Maureen Fitzgerald of the Town of Waterford and Gary Goeschel of the Town of East Lyme. I am continuing to work with the New London High School student on her UCONN CAP project. I hope to schedule the oyster assessment in the next few weeks as she needs to begin the preparation of her poster presentation in early February.

Monitoring: We ordered the new YSI meter in mid-December; it arrived shortly before Christmas.

NRWPP Update: Fuss & O'Neill staff conducted field visual assessments this week. F&O will provide a list of locations for potential site-specific BMPs for us to review. I hope to identify a potential site or two for development of a CWA §319 grant proposal (which is due at the end of February). A project progress conference call is scheduled for January 22nd.

Grants: The Long Island Sound Stewardship Fund proposals are due on January 17, 2020. The Environmental Professionals of CT (EPOC) have announced their annual grant round, which is due on March 15, 2020. CT DEEP released the RFP for the FY20 CWA §319 grant program. Proposals are due on February 27, 2020.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: There are no active water quality improvement projects at present.

Staff hours: In December, I worked approximately 38.5 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 13.5 hours were for core NRW activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities) and about 25 hours were applied to the Watershed Plan Update.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Judy Rondeau".

Judy Rondeau
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