

Niantic River Watershed Committee

www.nianticriverwatershed.org

Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

October 5, 2017

Good evening,

Following is a summary of tasks I have been working on since the September 7, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

Outreach/Education: I am scheduled to meet go out with Diane Herr, a science teacher from Waterford High School, and her biology class on October 12th to sample Jordan Brook, using the teacher water quality loan kit and RBV kit. I participated in several Behavior Change campaign conferences calls and attended the latter part of the focus group after last month's meeting.

Monitoring: I have not conducted any monitoring activity this past month.

Grants: I have not applied for any grants this months. Eric Thomas and I have been working out the remaining details on the CWA §319 contract so we can move forward with the watershed plan update.

ECCD Projects: I am waiting to hear from the East Lyme school department regarding the high school rain garden. I would imagine at this point it is off the table for this fall.

Work on the Grand Street water quality improvement project is underway. The streets in the Grand Street neighborhood have been milled and the asphalt base coat is being put don this week. A test tree well was installed at the public parking lot on Hope Street last month. The Town engineering department is in the process of selecting the final locations for 20 tree wells throughout the Grand Street/Smith Street neighborhood. Installation will begin on Oct.13th.

Staff hours: In September, I worked approximately 14 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 7 hours were for administrative activities, outreach and monitoring activities, and 7 hours were applied to projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Rondeau

Watershed Coordinator