Niantic River Watershed Coordinator's Report

January 7, 2021

Good evening,

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

Outreach/Education: I posted the NRWPP Update on the NRWC website (www.nianticriverwatershed.org/nrwpp-update/2020-nrwpp-update/). I notified municipal staff and watershed partners that the plan has been completed and shared the link with them.

Monitoring: I have not conducted any monitoring activities this past month. Meghan Lally from DEEP has put out a request for sites at which to conduct fish community surveys. I suggested that it has been a few years since Latimer Brook was surveyed. I also suggested that surveys of Oil Mill and Stony Brooks prior to the commencement of the construction of the solar facility may be warranted as well.

NRWPP Update: I priced out printing costs for the NRWPP Update. With the Board's approval, I will have copies printed and distribute the Plans to municipal planning staff.

Healthy Lawns, Healthy River CBSM Outreach Campaign: I submitted the interim annual report on 12/28/20. I submitted an invoice request to NFWF for activities conducted in 2020 as part of this project on 1/4/21.

Grants: ECCD is preparing a proposal to CT DEEP for the CWA §319 NPS grant program for stormwater management practices at East Lyme High School and the Flanders four-corners commercial area.

Water Quality Improvement Projects: Four-Town Bioretention project: ECCD has submitted MOUs to East Lyme and Waterford and is in the process of ordering stormdrain filters for installation in Waterford and East Lyme.

Staff hours: In December, I worked approximately 17.25 hours on Niantic River Watershed Committee business and projects. Of that, about 9.75 hours were for core NRWC activities (administration, outreach and monitoring activities), 1.5 hours for the CFEC NRWPP Update, and about 6.0 hours were applied to the LISFF CBSM campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

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