



Connecticut RC&D

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Connecticut RC&D Council
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2015
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Tolland County Agricultural Center
24 Hyde Avenue
Vernon, CT

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Mark Nielsen, John S. Weedon, Jim Costello, Lois Bruinooge, Barbara Kelly, Margot Burns

Other Attendees: Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Elaine Sych, Eric Thomas

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 9:35am. Comments by John noted that 7 members were present and constituted a quorum and that our next meeting would be the first annual meeting as a State wide council and that we need strong direction to grow as a council.

Annual Plan of Work FY 2015-16

Discussion concerning private development review, RC&D, and ERT work plan and budget. 3 broad goals discussed. John, Margot, Lois, and Barbara will work to expand these goals and put together the annual plan document.

- 1) Encouraging and Informing Better Land Use Decision Making
 - a. Environmental & Conservation Planning
 - b. Traditional and Expanded ERT Studies
 - c. Brownfields Redevelopment
- 2) Promoting Sustainable Agricultural Productivity, Viability, and a Healthy Food System
 - a. Farm Energy Program
 - b. AGvocate Program
 - c. Soil Health Education
- 3) Coordinating and Championing Initiatives Across Municipal, Nonprofit, State, Private, and Regional Boundaries
 - a. Salmon River Watershed (and similar)
 - b. Land Trust Exchange/CLCC Work
 - c. Nonprofit, municipal, regional grant support and coordination
 - d. Watershed-based/319 Projects

Motion: To accept these 3 broad goals as the basis of our 2015-16 work plan.

Motion mad by: Margot Burns

Second: John Weedon

Voted: Motion passed unanimously.

Project Funding and Staffing

Amanda asked for clarification of the status of her position for next year concerning her request for bridge funding for the farm energy program.

Ct DEEP would get back to the Council with any comments in 2 weeks so that they could be considered for annual plan and budget considerations.

Annual Budget FY 2015-16

Barbara and John will continue to work on the budget for the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held May 29th, 9:30 – 11:30. Location to be determined.

It was asked if anyone would like to be on the nominating committee for officers.

Meeting adjourned at 11:22.