



Eastern Connecticut RC&D

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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council Meeting Minutes Monday April 24, 2012

John Guskowski called meeting to order at 12:07pm.

Participants: Ray Covino Amanda Johnson, Phil Chester, Sal DeCarli, Wini Olson, Margot Burns, Maura Robie, Tom O'Dell, Paula Stahl, Elaine Sych, Judy Rondeau, Sally Timmons, Tom Seidel, Jim Gooch, James Sipperly, John Guskowski, Dawn Pindell

Secretary's Report – Motion made by Phil Chester, 2ed by Tom O'Dell, a motion to accept meeting minutes from April meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Abstentions from Judy Rondeau and Tom Seidel.

Treasurer's Report – Motion made by Paula Stahl, 2ed by Judy Rondeau to accept the treasurer's report.

Environmental Review Team – Elaine Sych handed out the ERT activity report, and recent municipal survey results.

Project Manager – Sal DeCarli updated the council on upcoming events and project statuses

Committee Reports

- **Agriculture**
AG Viability grant was awarded to CME for the Value Chain Partnership Grant. Livestock Regs. were complete, and Paula volunteered to complete formatting. Printing will cost \$1,600; \$500 will come from the contract remainder, \$1,000 will come from the Ag Committee budget, and 100 will come from the RC&D production item line.
- **Greenways**
Distributed Greenways survey results.
- **Livable Communities**
Lake Shore Guide is still behind schedule and communications with Fuss & O'Neill (Contract holder) leaves something to be desired. Farm to school survey has been distributed. Some discussions about switching Farm To School to the Ag Committee.

Farm Energy Program – Distributed program update. One grant went in with Jewett City Greenhouses. Other people are lined up for next year. Looking for further sources to fund the program.

New Business

- **Funding Requests**
 - The council voted and approved the request to support "Celebrating Agriculture" for \$250. This was Motioned by Paula Stahl and 2ed by Phil, abstention from Judy Rondeau.
- **Other**
 - Organizational Mission Discussion John asked that members focus on organization more than on projects this year. Jim Sipperly spoke more about the possibility of merging the two RC&Ds into the "Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development" and under that would be the Eastern CT RC&D and the Kings Mark RC&D.

Old Business

None to Report

Adjourn

Next meeting is at the Annual Meeting on June 25th at Stonington Vineyards. Motion to adjourn meeting at 2:02pm by Margot Burns, 2ed by Tom O'Dell, motion passed.