



# Eastern Connecticut RC&D

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## Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council Meeting Minutes Meeting Minutes Monday, October 28, 2013 Mansfield Town Hall Mansfield, CT

***Board Members in Attendance:***, Lois Bruinooge, John Guskowski, Judy Rondeau, Jim Larkin, Margot Burns, Jennifer Kaufman

***Board Member not in attendance:***, Jim Gooch, Tom Seidel, Barbara Kelly, Paula Stahl, Tom O'Dell

***Other Attendees:*** Sal DeCarli, Raymond Covino, Elaine Sych, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Francis Pickering, Javier Cruz

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 12:13pm

### **Secretaries Report:**

**Motion:** to accept the meeting minutes from August 26, 2013

**Motion Made by:** Lois

**Seconded by:** Jennifer

**Voted:** Motion passed

**Abstention:** N/A

### **Treasurer's Report**

Reviewed Financial Statement, Profit/Loss Statement, and Project Accounting.

**Motion:** to enter the financial statement into the records

**Motion Made by:** Margot

**Seconded by:** Lois

**Voted:** Motion passed

Distributed 990 Report from the accountant. Read paragraph from accountants letter, indication there were no issues found

### **Environmental Review Team** (Contact Elaine for distributed report)

ERT updated the board on recent and continuing projects and distributed a report of activities.

- Discussion about ERT restructuring plan

### **Farm Energy Program** (Contact Amanda for distributed Report)

Amanda updated the Board on current project, and upcoming events.



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## Project Manager Update

- Peat 319: Meeting with Eric at DEEP to bring the project up to date with reporting and materials. Currently working with Eric on project extension.
- Lake Shore Management: still on going, Chuck Lee is coordinating with F&O, and we are waiting to hear from him on our next step.
- Soil Health Workshops: Planning next venue for workshop.
- Advocate: Next big event is Thursday Nov. 20th. (East Hartford or Middletown). Not going after another Agviability grant for 2014.
- Value Chain Partnership: Doing small scale USDA processing. Looking for Brothers to finalize equipment list for increasing processing capabilities.

## Committee Reports

### Agriculture

Has not met.

- Advocate Grants- No ideas to pursue at this time
- Soil Health Project
  - NCCD had submitted a letter to assist the RC&D on their Soil Health Report for fee. The board felt it would be appropriate to offer the “job/task” to any District that might be interested, and not accept NCCD’s offer at this time.

**Motion:** to authorize the executive committee to proceed with awarding the Soils Report to a qualified applicant in accordance with RC&D policy.

**Motion Made by:** Lois

**Seconded by:** Judy

**Voted:** Motion passed

### Greenways

Has not met

### Sustainable Communities

Has not met

## New Business

### RPO Reorganization/Membership

- RPO/Merger on hold. Kings Mark needs more time to discuss and sort out some details to try to maintain a balance on the board despite the large increase in “eligible board members” in the case of a merge.



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## **Old Business**

- By-Law Revision/Council Merger
  - No new news to report, Partially covered under “New Buisness”
- New England Association Meeting
  - North country RC&D GeoLab

## **Partner Updates**

None

## **Adjourn**

Next meeting set for 12:00pm December 17, 2013 in Norwich, CT

**Motion:** to adjourn at 2:07pm

**Motion Made by:** Jim

**Seconded by:** Jennifer

**Voted:** Motion passed