



Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc.

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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc.
Monday October 6, 2008
1:00-2:15 PM
Meeting Minutes

The Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President John Guskowski.

Present: John Guskowski, WLA, President
Norma O'Leary, ECCD, Secretary
Elaine Sych, ERT
Wini Olson, CRERPA, Council Member
Barbara Kelly, NCCD
Joanna Winkler, NCCD

Paula Stahl, GVI
Elizabeth Rogers, NRCS
Amanda Fargo-Johnson, ERT
Lee Szruba, TRBP, Council member
Tom Seidel, SECCOG, Council member

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve the minutes of 08/18/08

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Lee Szruba

Voted: Motion passed

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report for RC&D and ERT for audit

Motion Made by: Lee Szruba

Seconded by: Paula Stahl

Voted: Motion passed

Environmental Review Team:

Elaine Sych submitted a written report and discussed the status of requested and conducted reviews. Reviews have recently been conducted in Southbury, Bolton and North Stonington. The Candlewood Lake Authority Study in New Fairfield has been conducted and is waiting on reports from team members.

Greenways:

South Branch of the Park River (SBPR): The ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on Saturday October 18.

Livable Communities:

Tour des Farms (TDF): Approximately 125 bike riders participated in the TDF which was held on September 20th in Simsbury.

Land Use Leadership Alliance (LULA): The LULA session in Lebanon will start in Oct and be held at Eastern CT State University in Willimantic.

Brownfields: John Guskowski has been working with the Towns of Thompson, Killingly and Putnam on developing an EPA Brownfield Assessment grant. Putnam will be the grant applicant and

the request will be approximately one million dollars. RC&D could provide outreach and coordination support with the project if the grant is funded.

Motion: To support the EPA Brownfield Grant Application

Motion Made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

Agriculture Committee:

Woodstock Marketing/Business Plan: The project is on schedule and the consulting firm will give a presentation to the steering committee on November 6th

North Canaan 319 Grant: The 319 grant to continue working with the North Canaan farmers is almost complete and will be submitted by October 15th.

Council on Soil and Water: The Council on Soil and Water will be meeting in the near future.

New Business:

John Guskowski

- **Funding Request Ecological Landscaping Network (ELN):** ELN submitted a written request for funding for the creation of a 5-circuit labyrinth. The labyrinth that will be installed this year will be defined by daffodils and will only be there while the daffodils are in bloom. Labor and equipment have been secured for a fall planting. Funding is needed for the daffodil bulbs. A total of \$537.96 is needed to purchase the bulbs.

Motion: To provide funding not to exceed \$550.00 for the ELN labyrinth project.

Motion Made by: Barbara Kelly

Seconded by: Lee Szruba

Voted: Motion passed

- **December meeting with King's Mark RC&D:** KM will be invited to a holiday meeting with Eastern CT RC&D on December 1st. The meeting will be held at the TAC in Vernon. The Councils will provide project updates and discuss partnering opportunities.
- **Other:** The Council needs to appoint someone to the vice president position.

Old business:

- **National RC&D Meeting June 14-18 2009:** John Guskowski will attend the meeting
- **Board Development and Outreach:** The Council will focus on this issue starting after the regional meeting

The next meeting will be a meeting with King's Mark RC&D, 12:00, December 1st, TAC building in Vernon.

Meeting Adjourned 2:15