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Eastern Connecticut RC&D Council, Inc.
Monday October 23, 2006
1:00-3:00 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, President
Norma O'Leary, Secretary
Tom O'Dell, Council Member
Paula Stahl, Council Member

Rebecca Augur, CRCOG, Vice President
Barbara Kelly, Treasurer
Elizabeth Rogers, NRCS
John Breakell, FSA

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve 08/21/06 Annual Meeting Minutes

Motion Made by: Norma O'Leary

Seconded by: Barbara Kelly

Voted: Motion passed with revision

Treasurer's Report:

Motion: To accept Treasurer's report as submitted

Motion Made by: Rebecca Augur

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

Environmental Review Team:

A written report was submitted. John Guskowski discussed the ERT program and a proposal to strengthen its partnership with LULA.

Greenways:

Paula Stahl and Liz Rogers discussed the presentation that they will be giving at the CACIWC Annual meeting on November 4th. Tom O'Dell discussed the overall program for the day.

Livable Communities:

Tour des Farms: A meeting will be scheduled with Kings Mark to review the 2006 Tour and discuss future rides. A donation will be made to Working Lands Alliance at their annual meeting on November 17th.

Municipal Capacity Survey: A decision needs to be made on what will be the best way to distribute the report to have the most effective impact.

LULA: LULA received an award at the Connecticut Chapter's of the American Planning Association meeting in September. The status of the LULA grants was discussed. The final report for the spring 2006 LULA has been submitted to NFWF and the council is waiting on contract for the fall 2006 LULA from NFWF.

Agriculture Committee:

The final report for the North Canaan 319h grant has been accepted by DEP. A 319h grant to implement the findings in the report has been submitted. The grant is for a regional composting system. The RFP to develop a feasibility study for the Woodstock 319h grant will be completed and submitted for proposals in the near future. The Willingness to pay survey is on schedule.

Council on Soil and Water:

Barbara Kelly reported on the planned North Eastern Regional Conservation District meeting that is scheduled for August 5-7, 2007 in Mystic. The next Council on Soil and Water meeting is November 7th.

New Business:

New England Association – Oct 26-28, Auction items: TDF Shirts will be brought to the meeting for the auction. John Guskowski will ask Taylor Brook Winery for a donation for the auction.

Dues: NE RC&D, National RC&D:

Motion: To Pay the New England and National RC&D dues in full

Motion Made by: Tom O'Dell

Seconded by: Norma O'Leary

Voted: Motion passed

NE Council Representative to National RC&D Board: John Guskowski stated that he was asked to run for this position. Elections will be held at this week's New England RC&D meeting in VT.

Website Updates: John Guskowski will be posting information to the websites. Please email him with new and updated material.

December Meeting with Kings Mark RC&D: The meeting with Kings Mark will be held December 18th at the Eastern CT RC&D office. Eastern CT will provide lunch. The meeting will have a short agenda of "Statewide RC&D Initiatives", including Tour des Farms, LULA, ERT and HEAP. In lieu of gifts it was recommended that a "holiday" donation be made to a program that both RC&D's support through their program mission.

Motion: To Make a "holiday" donation of \$150 to CT Ag in the Classroom on behalf of Eastern CT and Kings Mark RC&D's

Motion Made by: Paula Stahl

Seconded by: Rebecca Augur

Voted: Motion passed

Old Business:

Area Plan: The new area plan was distributed.

Board Insurance – Liz Rogers will contact Lee Szruba about the insurance coverage at the Eastern CT Conservation District.

Motion: To adjourn meeting

Motion Made By: Tom O'Dell

Seconded By: Barbara Kelly

Voted: Motion passed

Next meeting will be on December 18, 2006 at 12:00.

