



# CONNECTICUT

RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT  
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**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday 09/18/18, 3:30 – 5:00pm**  
**RC&D Office, 1066 Saybrook Rd., Haddam, CT**

**Board Members in Attendance:** John Guskowski, Margot Burns, Rick Huntley, Justin LaFountain, Lynne Pike DiSanto, Joanna Shapiro, Judy Rondeau, Mark Goetz, Jim Costello, Rosa Brown, Aaron Budris

**Board Members not in Attendance:** Jim Sipperly, Matt Fulda, Mark Nielsen, Jim Larkin, Lois Bruinooge, Rebecca Andreucci

**Other:** Jeanne Davies, Amanda Fargo-Johnson, Andrea Peres

John Guskowski called the meeting to order at 3:34pm and noted that there was a quorum.

**Secretary's Report:**

**Motion:** To accept the August 21, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion made by:** Jim Costello

**Seconded by:** Rich Huntley

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously

**President's Report:**

John reported on a positive meeting with stake holders and potential partners concerning the airline trail grant proposal.

**Financial Report:**

Jeanne reported that the distributed P&L statement does not include the \$10,000 from Patagonia for help with labor costs in running the no till equipment hub or labor costs for tour des farms.

**Motion:** To file the P&L statement.

**Motion made by:** Jim Costello

**Seconded by:** Rick Huntley

**Voted:** Motion passed unanimously.

**Bylaw Committee Report:**

Jeanne provided a draft of the bylaws amended by the committee and asked that comments be provided by mid-October so the amendments can be voted on in December. Amendments included: addition of how officers will be elected, an indemnification section, a definition of the executive director position.

**Contact Committee Report:**

The contract committee would like comments so that it may be voted on in committee in November or December.

**Membership Committee Report:**

They have reached out to a possible new member and are waiting for a response from him.

**Tour des Farms:**

Plans, needs, and scheduling for Tour des Farms were discussed. 50 riders were registered as of this meeting date.

**ERT Report:**

Discussion concerned the completion of the Durham Open Space Management Plan, adding ERT report types to the program that are different than the current/past resource inventory approach. This management plan could be used as a model for others.

**CACEE Task Force Report:**

Members of the task force met with the town of Haddam and they are cautiously optimistic that our interests overlap with theirs. A meeting needs to be scheduled with DOT concerning their plans with the property. A visit to Hope and Main in Warren, RI, a food business incubator was also discussed.

\*\*\*Have a note concerning the CT Rural Community Development Corp?

**Airline Trail Project:**

John introduced the project that could enhance the economic driver ability of the existing airline trail – Towns would need to request the study as an ERT for it to qualify as an ERT project.

**Agricultural Programs:**

Jeanne reported on the upcoming SCRCOG project for a regional rural and urban agriculture collaborative. The first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>. Amanda reported that 2 roller crimpers had arrived and that there would be a 2<sup>nd</sup> training day on Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> for the soil health equipment. There are also 18 free farm assessments available with the CT Farm Energy Geothermal Pilot Program.

**Other Business:**

Andrea presented a 10 Reasons to give flyer/mailer for comment.

**Motion:** to adjourn the meeting at 4:58.

**Motion made by:** Rick Huntley

**Seconded by:** Jim Costello

**Voted:** Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Margot Burns, Secretary