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RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT

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John Guskowski, President
Judy Rondeau, Vice President
Justin LaFountain, Treasurer
Margot Burns, Secretary

Annual Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 6/10/21, 4:00-5:00PM
CT RC&D Zoom Room

Board Members in Attendance: John Guskowski, Margot Burns, Judy Rondeau, Rosa Browne, Rick Huntley, Lois Bruinooge, Aaron Budris, Lynne Pike DiSanto, Joanna Shapiro, Rebecca Andreucci

Board Members not in Attendance: Jane Brawerman, Chris Sullivan, Taijah Anderson, Jim Sipperly, Jim Larkin, Justin LaFountain, Mark Hoover, Tyra Penn-Gesek

Other: Jeanne Davies, Jillian Shea, Jane Flynn, Christopher Roberts

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM and noted that there was a quorum.

Secretary's Report:

Motion: To approve the minutes 5/25/21.

Motion made by: Lynne Pike DiSanto

Seconded by: Rosa Browne

Voted: Unanimously

President Report:

John welcomed all and noted that we would try to get everyone together for an in-person meeting in September.

Scholarships:

Linda B. Krause Award for Excellence in Conservation Collaboration - Alyssa Hotchkiss

Norma O'Leary Award for Excellence in Agriculture Innovation – was not applied for.

Motion: To award Alyssa Hotchkiss the Krause award.

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Rick Huntley

Voted: Unanimously

Election of Officers:

Motion: To accept the recommendation of the nominating committee to nominate John Guskowski for President, Judy Rondeau for Vice President, Justin LaFountain as Treasurer, and Margot Burns for Secretary.

Motion made by: Rick Huntley

Seconded by: Lynn Pike DiSanto

John Guskowski asked if there were any additional nominations from the floor. There were none.

Voted: Unanimously

FY 2021/2022 Budget:

Motion: To adopt the proposed 2021/2022 budget as presented.

Discussion: Add line item for Salmon River. Special Note: Sponsorship to date - \$2,500.00

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Lois Bruinooge

Voted: Unanimously

2020-2023 Annual Work Plan:

Discussion: Need to update funders and membership and John Guskowski affiliation.

Motion: To adopt the 2020-2023 Annual Work Plan as amended.

Motion made by: Judy Rondeau

Seconded by: Lynn Pike DiSanto

Voted: Unanimously

2021-2022 Calendar of Meetings:

Motion: To adopt the 2021-2022 Calendar of Meetings.

Motion made by: Lynn Pike DiSanto

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Unanimously

USDA – AMS Grant Application:

An agricultural marketing grant – Jeanne talked with USDA about partnership. Discussion concerned creating greater efficiencies using the Tour de Farms. The grant is due on June 6th, 2021. Board consensus was to have Jeanne go forward with the application.

Other:

There is a Thames River Partnership Meeting – please go to website.

Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 4:45

Motion made by: Margot Burns

Seconded by: Judy Rondeau

Voted: Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Margot Burns, Secretary