

MEETING MINUTES
February 1, 2012

Chair Paul Dolan called meeting to order at 7:04. There was no quorum.

Present: Directors: Paul Dolan, Jean Lynch. Associate Director Marc Tremblay. Kate Sayles, NRICD. Ramona LeBlanc, State Conservation Committee; Amanda Clarke, United Way of RI; Tysh McGrail, Woodscapes, Inc.

I. Minutes: Tabled until there is a quorum.

II. Financial Reports: Tabled until the next meeting.

III. Old Business

A. SRWEP:

- Get Wet! program is underway at Scituate High School and is scheduled to start at Ponaganset High School.
- First bulletin in Agricultural Business Bulletins is in development.
- A well water workshop is scheduled for 3/27.
- Home·A·Syst workshop is scheduled for 2/29 and will feature BMP's for nutrient management, livestock yards and pastures.
- New Resident packets are being developed.

B. NRCS Agreements:

- Ag Inventory: First in a series of postcards was mailed.
- Outreach: Next workshop is scheduled on 3/12 at Heritage House in North Smithfield.
- Geese: Jessie will conduct a workshop at Greenville Library on 2/21.

C. Building:

- Insulation and new oil tank were installed.
- Walkway will remain on the agenda.

IV. New Business:

A. Board Elections/Appointments:

- Election will be scheduled for April meeting

V. Reports:

A. Chair: Paul will comment on following agenda items.

B. SCC:

- Meeting was held on 1/18/12.
- Ag Partnership has earmarked \$4000 for review of formula to determine farm values.
- Consolidation policy was revised to allow Districts to sign agreements in core programs that are confined to their District. Statewide programs will continue to go through SCC.

C. NRCS: District Conservationist's report was distributed.

- WHIP funding will likely be species specific.
- [@.5](mailto:)\$2.5 million in EQIP is available.
- 80 applications are in the system.
- Next application deadline is 3/30.

D. RC&D: Will be advertising for new executive director.

E. RDC: Nothing to Report.

F. RIFCO:

- Woodland owners' workshop series is underway.
- Spring workshop will be held the first week in May.

G. RIACD: Nothing to report.

H. RIRLA: Nothing to report.

I. Envirothon: Competition to be held on 5/18 at Goddard Park.

J. District Manager: Not present.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55.