

## **Dukes Conservation District Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**Date: May 17 2016**

**Time: 1:15 p.m.**

**Location: Robert E. Rose Town Garage, 347 County Road Oak Bluffs, MA 02557**

**PRESENT:** Jeff LaFleur, MACD, Mia Halter, NRCS, Bill Wilcox, Dave Grunden, Kristen Fauteux, Jefferson Munroe.

**Treasurer's report:** As of 4/29 there was \$8476.01 in the account.

**Approval of minutes:** April 19 approved as written

**NRCS report:** Mia reported that the last round of EQIP is finishing and there may be some funds left for an additional round. There are \$970,000 worth of projects underway in the Palmer River watershed. Mia is willing to cooperate with the District on a staff person that we may hire under the CDI grant.

#### **Other business:**

CDI grant proposal discussion and finalization. Agreed to the planned project: evaluation of nitrogen loading sources from farms to identify an accurate nutrient budget for each operation and to begin to identify BMPs that may address any problems uncovered. Jeff indicated that it may be possible for MACD to help with the administrative portion of having a staff person should we get the grant.

Basic grant application meeting topics: Expected educational program topics to include: pollinators, invasive, soil health. Kristen indicated that Tim Boland at Polly Hill Arboretum is on board with the planned programs and willing to contribute space for meetings and time to assist with topics.

**Outstanding Statements: None**

**Next meeting:**

Adjourned