

Dukes Conservation District Meeting

MINUTES

Date: 18 October 2016

Time: 1:15 p.m.

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

Present: Dave Grunden, Kristin Fauteux, Bill Wilcox, Mia Halter, NRCS

Swearing in of elected supervisors depending on attendance of authorized personnel Tom Anderson was unable to attend to conduct the swearing in.

Treasurer's report: As of 9/30/16: \$8210.46

Approval of minutes: June 21 and September 20 2016 minutes were approved

NRCS report:

Bill reported a site visit with Maria Macfarland, West Tisbury Con Comm, to evaluate erosion control needs for Deeble Estate, West Tisbury. Site includes paddocks for goats in an area about 40 by 50 feet within 100 feet of a small fresh water pond. No evidence of runoff through the natural vegetation to the pond although the pond supported a bloom of water meal.

Recommended raking out coarse bedding debris and seeding with a mixture including creeping red fescue or allowing seed stock within the bedding debris to germinate.

Mia reported she will be leaving the car at the Tisbury Post Office lot within easy walking distance from the ferry.

New staff (Lisa Petruski) is being hired to cover the Vineyard.

The Stewardship program offers funding support for contracts over \$1500 (\$40,000 cap). It can cover EQIP type practices. These two are the main programs now available. The office has met the acreage of conservation applied goals exceeding last year's acreage by 225%.

Expect to get to the backlog of technical assistance requests between now and the end of the year.

Sequester budget still in effect through 12/9 with a 7% budget reduction. Watershed budgets still in limbo.

Other business:

No news on District Initiative Grants.

Time will be allowed for any other items that were not anticipated within the allowance of public notice requirements: None

Outstanding Statements:

NACD dues payment of \$35 approved.

Next meeting: 11/15/16

Adjourned