

## **Dukes Conservation District Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**Date:** 17 January 2017

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

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

**Present:** Liz Durkee, Kristen Fauteux, Dave Grunden, Bill Wilcox, Jefferson Munroe and Mia Halter, NRCS

**Swearing in of elected supervisors depending on attendance of authorized personnel** Tom Anderson not available.

**Treasurer's report:** Balance as of 12/31/16 was \$8175.67

**Approval of minutes:** December 20 2016 -- approved as written

#### **NRCS report:**

Mia attended the Climate Hub meeting with Mashpee and Aquinnah Tribes and Federal Agencies. NRCS may help with the Squibnocket Pond culvert to improve tidal exchange. Bill pointed out that an elevation survey up the creek to the culvert from the Menemsha has an elevation "hump" that reduces flow.

First round of funding is coming up soon. Possibilities include a high tunnel and Grey Barn manure management

Conservation Stewardship Plan will be available to reward landowners carrying out good management practices. Minimum contract will now be \$2500.

#### **Other business:**

Continued discussion of District Initiative Grants and planning to carry out proposed work

Bill reported that he had reduced the proposed scope for the CDI grant in proportion to the funding offer reduction. Approved.

Contract will be broken up to cover remainder of this FY and continue on in next FY. An RFP for the new FY round of funding will be out in April/May time frame.

Update on grant/contract schedule

Time will be allowed for any other items that were not reasonably anticipated within the allowance of public notice requirements

#### **Outstanding Statements:**

**Next meeting:** 2/28/17 (later than usual; due to schedule conflicts.)

Adjourned