

NCSWCD Board of Directors Meeting

Working Together for Healthy Soils and Clean Water

December 15, 2017
Nassau Hall First Floor
1864 Muttontown Road
Syosset, NY 11791

NOTES: *Action Items are Italicized and Bold in Red. Motions are Italicized and Bold in Green.*

ATTENDEES: Dan Fucci, Pat Aitken, Kevin Braun, Tara Schneider-Moran, Eric Swenson, Trish Manzi, Dolores Gelish, David Ganim, Sergiy Grim

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:15

A quorum was determined; Jaime Van Dyke was not present

Treasurer's Report:

Dolores reported that she is finishing up Part B and Part C spending; close to expending all grant funding received for the year.

Kevin made the motion to accept the report, Pat seconded, report was accepted.

Contract:

Dan has requested that the contract be processed, and is currently in the commissioner's office. Dan will continue to track progress on the contract.

Minutes Review:

Minutes from the October meeting were reviewed; *Kevin made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Eric seconded, all approved.*

Revenue:

Trainings –

The most recent training went very smoothly. 51 people were registered; 49 people attended. The District is accepting copies of photo ID as part of the online registration process, which facilitated registration. The District made approximately \$18,000 in profit from the three trainings conducted. Methods of getting feedback on the training will be explored; Tara suggested using google forms to generate a survey that could be emailed to attendees.

Trish explored with Corey of Suffolk Soil and Water the possibility of doing a minimum of four trainings, two in Nassau, two in Suffolk. Dan questioned possible impacts on revenue; Trish said that the contractual agreement would be made with Corey as has been made with Jake. The board thanks Dave and Serge for their work in organizing and implementing the trainings.

Performance Measures

Trish requested any reports, pictures, on any work that has been done to help her do end of year reporting for the District. She asked that all information be submitted by January 5; a couple of sentences, press

release, picture, whatever is sent would be helpful. Trish also asked for any additional board attendance at webinars, trainings, regional meetings, etc.

New Business:

Nassau County received grant funding from SSER for \$50,000 to remove water chestnut from Massapequa Lake.

Waiting to hear on grant application for controlling Southern Pine Beetle.

NCSWCD received \$67,000 from LISFF to Planting for Clean Water Communities to put in green infrastructure at areas where people go to recreate and worship so that they can be educated and then hopefully replicate the work at their homes. Could be raingardens or bioswales. Village of Bayville contributed some match towards the project. Lynn Dwyer of NFWF suggested having a person from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Rutgers as a speaker; and have perhaps a half day conference on green infrastructure.

Trish asked that board members keep thinking about Part C allocations for 2018.

Kevin asked that any proposals for 2018 include funding for staff participation. Eric reminded the board that Serge's salary would be funded using Part C money until the end of 2017, and a discussion should be had on how to handle it. Dolores suggested that the District knows we will receive Part C money, so she suggested that funding his salary be a priority.

Eric made a motion that the District continue to employ Serge at his current rate of pay and hours for 2018. Pat seconded. Motion was carried.

Old Business:

Report from Board of Directors and Cooperating Agencies

Town of North Hempstead got a grant for \$450,000 to continue the Shoreline Trail.

Town of Hempstead received grants for South Shore Blueway Trail to construct two additional access points, SSBT will be doing an event in June (Trish offered to be on committee); to conduct a study on Diamondback Terrapins in partnership with Hofstra, to measure sea level rise and wetlands; and to collect shells from restaurants to construct oyster reefs in partnership with Adelphi.

Reese is continuing his work with schools. He has a project in the Baldwin schools to grow lettuces indoor hydroponically, and as part of the project will compare growth of lettuce indoor vs. outdoor.

Utilizing DEC funding, Sen. Marcellino has proposed to fund three north shore programs for water quality monitoring at \$125,000 which will be divided three ways between the programs. The funding can be used retroactively for 2017 through March 2019.

LISFF funded HHPC for \$90,000 for water quality monitoring.

The harbor monitoring programs are continuing to look for a continuous source of funding which is not dependent on grants. One possibility is LISS funding the monitoring as a program, rather than a grant, or as a line item in Environmental Protection Fund. This was almost successful last year, and will persist with it this year. Eric may request a support letter from the District for the program.

Trish will send around a tentative meeting schedule for 2018. The March meeting will be rescheduled due to Trish's attendance at a conference in Syracuse.

The annual meeting will be held on January 19; board elections will be conducted.

Kevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30, Dan seconded all approved.