

**RIEEA Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Tuesday, December 8, 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Elisabeth Bux, Molly Allard, Samantha Polon, Wendy Fachon, Bridget Kubis Prescott, Reada Evans

**Other Participants:** Jeanine Silversmith (RIEEA Coordinator), Kelly Shea (GEMS-Net), Karen Bradbury (Senator Whitehouse's office), Shelli Costa (Westport River Watershed), Lauren Parmelee (ASRI), Krystal Noiseux (RIRRC), Kassi Archambault (WRWC), Gail Ahlers (Empowerment Factory), Sue Korte (Providential Gardener), Susan Delfs (Frosty Drew Nature Center)

**Site:** South Kingstown Land Trust Barn, South Kingstown, RI

**Coffee and Conversation:**

**Welcome/Introductions:**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from November 2015 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$7807.95 (\$1,015 in outstanding checks, should end with \$6792.95 once all checks are cleared)

Revenue generated was \$1,407.76

\$1K from westerly land trust

\$262.72 from b.good fundraiser

\$145.04 transferred over from paypal for memberships

**Membership Report:**

**Website & Social Media update: (Chair – April Alix)**

**Professional Development Committee update: (Chair – Andrea Stein)**

**ELP: (NEW!! Chair – Lauren Parmelee)**

**Organizational**

- Nothing to report

**NEEEA Update:**

- Everyone reported that the NEEEA conference in New Hampshire was a great success. EPA grant to NEEEA was approved. RIEEA will be working with the Green Building
- The next NEEEA annual meeting will be in Litchfield, Ct and the Wisdom House.

- The NEEEA subgrant may have shifted focus. Rachel and Sam to meet next week.
- NEEEA EPA subgrant - RIEEA to have a Workshop with architects, school designers, landscape architects, etc. Focus to be working on inside to outside flow. Date: Wednesday, March 16, 2016. Ken Balarski, US Green Building Council to be involved. Workshop will be designed for lots of voices and lots of input.

**GEMS-Net NSF grant:**

- Implementation and Improvement of Place-Based Education
- At College level - for teacher certification, two tracks: 1) formal to include classroom student teaching; 2) informal to include internships
- Both will include collaboration with informal educators

**2016 Flower Show, Feb 18 to 21, 2016**

**2016 Annual Meeting, January 12, 2016 @ RIC**

- Theme: In-service Teachers Successfully Implementing Outdoor Learning
- Elisabeth presented the to-do list. Annual Meeting planning meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 24.

**Next meeting** – Annual Meeting, Tuesday, January 12, 2016 at RIC

**2016**

- Need to set annual meeting site in Sept 2015
- Next spring RIEEA meeting or pd workshop could be scheduled to coincide with GEMS-Net Leader workshop.
- Land and Water Summit, Saturday, March 19, 2016