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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
August 30, 1983

Meeting was called to order by Paul Bassett at 7:45pm.

Debra Cox (research supervisor of archaeological excavation along the Narrow River) and her associate, Allen Leveillee, presented an overview of the project, its purpose, their findings, and their impressions. They stressed that the finding of Indian artifacts along one's land does not preclude any activity on the part of the landowner, and that, if anything, it would increase the value of the land if it were to be donated to an organization for preservation.

Paul Bassett then presented the president's message. He briefly reviewed the accomplishments of NRPA in the areas of (1) development along the river and (2) the creation of the Narrow River Land Trust. He mentioned that people have the right to maximize the use of their land, but that it was NRPA's purpose to minimize the adverse impact of development on the river and neighbors.

Gary Galkin gave a report on the activities of the Coastal Resources Committee. Members of the CRC have been attending hearings on a number of issues of concern to the NRPA. A lawyer has been retained to represent the NRPA at these hearings, but more help, more manpower is needed.

The treasurer's report was presented by Ed Grove and was accepted by the members.

Dick Grant gave the fundraising report and conducted the Canoe Raffle. Fundraising left us in the black, thanks in part to four sponsors of the Canoe Raffle. The four sponsors, who contributed donations of \$25.00 each, include Rugged Ware, Dr. George LaPorte, Gates Insurance Agency, and Doug Arnold. We would also like to thank the Wakefield Branch and Belmonts for displaying the canoe.

Dick mentioned that most funds are raised from the membership dues and he hopes to increase membership in the NRPA through a mailing to be sent to just about every household in the watershed area.

The Canoe Raffle was then held and Jane Viera of 59 Shady Cove Road, North Kingstown, won.

The Clean Water Committee Report was then given by Diana Kennett. While Narrow River still has a class S-A rating (indicating that the river is suitable for bathing and shellfish harvesting), the coliform counts found on the river by DEM were considered high. These high counts are of great concern to our board since they reflect the health of the river. There was some discussion about what exactly these high counts represent. The discussion culminated in the following resolution:

We request DEM to (1) investigate why the coliform count has been so high this summer, (2) decide when the river should be closed to shellfishing, and (3) decide what should be done to prevent such high coliform counts in the future.

WER Lafarge gave the Tri-Town Watershed Committee report. He mentioned that the committee has not met in the last year, but that the structure is in place for the committee to be called into being if there were a motivating cause.

Linda Steere reported on the Narrow River Land Trust. The NRLT is separate from NRPA and its purpose is to encourage the donation of land or easements to the trust to be kept as open space. Such donations may produce tax advantages to the donor. People are needed for phoning, mailing, public relations, and general support.

The Nominating Committee chairman, WER Lafarge, presented the new slate. It was voted on and accepted by the members. The slate consisted of the following:

President	Paul Bassett	Rio Vista, Narr.
Treasurer	WER Lafarge	Upper Pond, NK
Secretary	- open -	
VP - Legal Affairs	- open -	
VP - Scientific Affairs	Diana Kennett	Saunderstown, NK
VP - PR/Newsletter	Maureen Grove	Upper Pond, NK

Board Directors:

Ruth Briggs	Upper Pond, NK
David Campbell	Narragansett
Daniel DiCenzo	Bonnet Shores, Narr
Gary Galkin	Hammond Hill, NK
Richard Grant	Kingston, SK
Ed Grove	Upper Pond, NK
Gilbert Hall	Tower Hill Rd, SK
Elizabeth Hall	Tower Hill Rd, SK
John Maciel	Middlebridge, SK
Eugene Nelson	Upper Pond, NK
Jane Nelson	Upper Pond, NK
David Pearson	Mettatuxet, Narr
- 1 vacancy -	

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND RENEWALS have slowed down this year. We urge all friends of Narrow River to renew their memberships or to join us if you haven't done so before. A form has been enclosed for this purpose. Help us promote wise use and enjoyment of the river --- keep posted on river happenings --- RENEW TODAY if you haven't yet --- and our thanks to the many of you who have. Dues and Contributions are tax deductible.