

Board of Directors and Officers.

Retiring from the BOD were Richard B. Grant, Catalina Martinez, James McGregor and Jason Considine. All four will stay on as members of the NRPA Advisory Board. Grant is leaving after 51 years with NRPA, 25 of those years as president and one year as co-president.

Craig Wood, Paula Santos, Nate VInhatiero, Kathy Byington, James Vogel, Veronica M. Berounsky, Sally Sutherland and Chris Hubbard were re-elected to the BOD. NRPA welcomes three newly elected Board of Directors: Andrew Neil, Christine Ariel and Peter Gelhaar.

The Board of Directors then voted on their Officers, as follows:
President- Veronica Berounsky
Vice President- Craig Wood
Treasurer- Kathy Byington
Secretary- Paula Santos

Newly hired Administration Coordinator Shirley Freitag, and Special Events Coordinator Marianne Chronley, were introduced to the audience.

Veronica Berounsky and Narrow River Watch Coordinator Annette DeSilva gave a presentation on "32 Years of Volunteer Monitoring" presenting decades of data on water quality in the Narrow River watershed. These records will be posted at www.narrowriver.org

NRPA's Youth Environmental Achievement Award was presented to Jake Pietrzak for his many years of cheerful and capable assistance at events. Bob Facey received the Environmental Appreciation Award. Facey helped set up and maintain NRPA's popular Osprey Webcam. Each summer, his technical expertise enables thousands of fans to watch an osprey family as they grow.

Rebecca Russell was the big winner of the night. First, she was presented with the 2023 W.E.R. La Farge Memorial "Friend of the River Award". Russell was NRPA's Program Coordinator/Director from 2021 to 2023. Her enthusiastic leadership ushered NRPA through Covid and into 2023 with all programs and initiatives remaining strong. She was also thrilled to strap the Old Town Kayak donated by Narrow River Kayaks onto her car, as winner of the 2023 NRPA Kayak Raffle.

Concluding remarks, touching on NRPA's partnerships in the watershed and stewardship of the river were given by newly elected President Veronica M. Berounsky.

The mission of Narrow River Preservation Association is to preserve, protect and restore the natural environment of all communities within the Narrow (Pettaquamscutt) River Estuary and Watershed. The Narrow River is fed by waters of the towns of North Kingstown, Narragansett and South Kingstown Rhode Island.