

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
October 23, 2013

Attendance: **Board members:** Betty Harmison, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Carol Reece, Andy Swaim. **Other:** Stan Oaks, Tim Seims, Alana Hartman. Norman Dean. Stacy Dugan, and Larry Lower have all been excused.

Announcements: **The Town of Bath is holding a tree planting** on Tuesday, November 5, at Town Hall. Twenty-four shrubs will be planted to beautify the property and help with the erosion problem there.

Secretary's Report: There were no corrections or changes to minutes from the meeting held on October 2. The minutes were accepted as written and will be posted to our website.

Treasurer's Report: There has been no financial activity since the last meeting. As of October 23, there is \$14,142.54 in the CNB account. As agreed upon at the October 2 meeting, Kate will be reimbursed \$139.50 for lodging for the Performance Improvement workshop held in Charleston on October 11. There was discussion about reimbursing Susan, who drove to that meeting, for gas alone, or at 58 cents per mile. The decision was tabled until the next meeting.

To Do: Susan will present receipts for gas purchases to Andy.

Unfinished Business: Rebecca talked to the Washington County (MD) Weed Control Board. Most of their effort focuses on weed control on agricultural lands and highway right-of-ways. Japanese knotweed is an invasive species of concern to the county. The state of Maryland has an invasive species group that meets bi-monthly; interest was expressed in having representatives from WSWA make a presentation on our efforts to control purple loosestrife as well as knotweed.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports this month.

Old Business:

No date has been set as of yet to hold a **stakeholders meeting to explore potential stormwater retrofit projects** in the county.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, Kate obtained the report generated by WVDEP on the **investigation of water discharged by US Silica into the Run**. Copies of the report were handed out, and will be filed with minutes of the meeting.

New Business:

Monitoring of the area affected by the **2012 gasoline spill**, including the control areas, will take place on Monday, November 4. Norman, Kate, Susan, Carol and Andy will participate at an agreed upon time.

Alana made a report on potential projects designed to **protect the headwaters of the Run**. Susan moved/Betty seconded that we use the methodology learned at the Strengthening

Watershed Associations workshop to establish SMART goals (specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and time-based) so as to have a plan in place by June of 2014. The vote was unanimous.

Kate proposed asking Brent Walls, who is currently scheduled to be our speaker at the Annual Meeting, to come to Morgan County earlier to talk about the most productive approaches to fracking issues that might affect the county. Rebecca suggested that prior to the annual meeting we bring all three Morgan County watershed associations together prior to the annual meeting to determine our shared priorities for protecting Morgan County's waters.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place on December 4, at 5PM at the Extension Office

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.