

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
October 21, 2015

Attendance: **Board Members Present:** Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Andy Swaim and Bob Wurster; **Excused Absences:** Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Betty Harmison and Tim Rowland.

Secretary's Report: Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded that the minutes from the September 23 meeting be approved as written. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Andy reported that as of the last meeting, September 23, 2015, the balance at CNB was \$13,761.07. There were no credits, and one debit:

- \$16.56 was paid to the Morgan Messenger.

The payment of that bill had been approved at the September meeting. As of today, the balance in the CNB account is \$13,744.51. The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Andy submitted three bills to be approved for payment:

- \$4.40 to the Morgan Messenger for printing copies of various materials
- \$12.51 reimbursement to Kate for the purchase of oats that were used as a cover crop in the area where the patch of purple loosestrife was treated on US Route 522
- \$195.23 reimbursement to Bob for materials purchased at Dawson's Ace Hardware to build the water diverters. This expense is covered by the 2015 Stream Partners grant.

Jeff moved/Rebecca seconded that these bills be paid. The vote was unanimous.

Andy proposed that future expenses for the 2015 Stream Partners project be paid without prior approval from the board. The board approved the grant application and money for various expenses are allocated in the grant budget. Jeff moved/Larry seconded that the motion be approved. The vote was unanimous.

Publicity: Rebecca commended Kate for the various articles about the 2015 Stream Partners project that have been recently published in the *Morgan Messenger*.

Unfinished Business

Purple Loosestrife Eradication Effort: A cover crop of oats was planted in the area where the seed heads of purple loosestrife were cut. The oats will help to retard re-growth of the loosestrife in the spring. As discussed earlier, we will arrange to have beetles introduced in the site in the spring.

To Do: **Kate** will contact the WV Division of Natural Resources to arrange to have the beetles brought into the county and property released in a timely fashion.

Norman has agreed to facilitate an ongoing **survey of wildflowers in the Widmyer Wetlands**. The plants found will be compared to the seed mix planted in the area by Kieran O'Malley shortly after the wetlands area was reestablished.

2015 Stream Partners Project: four water diverters will be installed on the road at the far north end of Greenway Cemetery on October 23. Bob explained the process used to construct the diverters. Bob, Stan Oaks,

Brian McCann, Maggie Hughes and Chris Hughes constructed the diverters. Rebecca will be at Greenway on Friday to work with Dennis Schaeffer in terms of where to dig the trenches, as well as the angle of the trenches based on the slope of hill.

To Do: Andy will arrange with Codi Ford, clerk for the water department, about having town employees move the diverters from Larry and Pat Springer's driveway, where they were constructed, to the area where they are to be installed.

Kate requested appropriation of funds to purchase water and snacks for volunteers at the **CommuniTree planting at Fearnow Road** property on November 7. Larry moved/Andy seconded that we use unrestricted funds from our account for this expense. The vote was unanimous.

The goal setting retreat will take place on December 4, from noon to 4:00 at Earth Dog Café. Rebecca moved/Bob seconded that we spend no more than \$6.00 per person for food for the retreat. The vote was unanimous.

There was no new business on the agenda for this meeting.

Adjournment: Rebecca moved/Jeff seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50. The vote was unanimous.

Next Meeting: There will be a short business meeting before our goal setting retreat on December 4.