

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Attendance: **Board Members:** Michael Brooks, Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Larry Lower, Rebecca MacLeod, Tim Rowland, Andy Swaim, Bob Wurster. **Guests:** Beth Rowland; Bill Carey.

Announcements and Reports: The 2017 Stream Partners Grant proposal was submitted on September 14.

Secretary's Report: There was no amendments, corrections, deletions or changes. Bob moved/Mike seconded that the minutes be accepted as written; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Andy reported that at our last meeting, August 24, 2016, there was \$13,780.32 in our CNB account. Since that time, there have been no credits and one debit:

- \$678.00 to Campbell Risk Management for Directors and Officers Insurance.

As of this afternoon, the balance in our account is \$13,102.32.

Committee Reports

Finance: Andy reported that there are no outstanding bills at this time.

Advocacy: Jeff asked if there is an interest in signing a referendum from Choose Clean Water Coalition that would provide more funds and help for small watersheds. Rebecca moved/Larry seconded that we sign onto this referendum; the vote to do so was unanimous.

Jeff also raised the question of what kinds of letters of support we feel comfortable having him sign off on his own as opposed to those that require a vote of the Board.

To Do: Jeff will come up with a laundry list of issues that are within the purview of activities that fit within our mission statement. At our next meeting we will discuss this list to determine what kinds of letters Jeff can write without receiving input from the board.

Membership: Membership is the same as four months ago with 33 people. We will send out membership renewal letters in the Fall.

Program: In discussing possible speakers for our Annual Meeting, it was suggested that Larry Schulz speak about the proposed pipeline through Morgan County.

To Do: Tim will ask Larry about his interest and availability as speaker at our Annual Meeting.

Publicity: There was discussion about having a “ribbon cutting” for the newly installed rain garden in Greenway Cemetery, our 2016 Stream Partners grant project.

To Do: Kate will talk to Cemetery about having opening on the same day as their fund raiser on the weekend of November 11/12.

Stream Monitoring: Conditions at the Country Inn are a little better than in past years with greater diversity of macro-invertebrates, including those that are more sensitive. Conditions permitting, we will work at Board of Education headquarters tomorrow.

Webmaster: It would be nice to have backup person, especially when Mike it out of town.

Unfinished Business

We have concluded spraying **Purple Loosestrife** along the Run. In general, there was less than in past years.

To Do: Kate will contact Nick Millet of US Fish and Wildlife to see about getting another batch of the purple loosestrife-eating beetles in the early summer of next year.

Jeff reported that we completed our part in the **Hazard Mitigation Process**.

Jeff also reported that we have been approved to adopt the 2-mile portion of US Route 522 between the Post Office and Winchester Grade Road. We must hold three events a year, with at least 30 days between each event. We will be provided with the equipment necessary to safely do this work. Our first effort to fulfill our obligations will take place on Wednesday, October 12. *We will meet at the Extension Office at 11AM to watch the required safety video.*

Larry spoke about making a **memorial gift in honor of Carla Hardy**. Several other groups are contributing toward a brass plaque honoring Carla that will be placed on one of the planter beds that are part of the green Infrastructure project she was instrumental in bringing about. The estimated cost is around \$500.00. Larry moved/Rebecca seconded that we take \$100.00 out of our general funds, and then seek individual contributions from members to help make up the difference. Andy stated that we have funds that are not otherwise encumbered and that can be used in this way. The vote to do so was unanimous. The plaque will be “unveiled” as part of the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the overall Streetscapes project on November 17. The Hardy family has been invited to the ceremony.

To Do: Kate will contact Susie Campbell and/or Barbie Elliot of the Eastern Panhandle Conservation District, about coordinating with WSWA and Streetscapes for the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

Those who wish to give personal contributions are asked to get a check to Andy, made out to WSWA, by November 1.

We will do the first planting of the Greenway Cemetery Rain Garden on Tuesday, October 25, starting at 9:00. The plants to be installed this year are a contribution from Janeen Glascock; we have applied for funds in our 2017 Stream Partners grant application to complete the planting next year.

New Business

Thank you to Jeff for the excellent letter he wrote in response to the **proposed pipeline project**.

Thank you, too, to Jeff, who composed another excellent letter, this one in response to the **TMDL report**.

Kate will check with Alana about the steps needed to establish a Watershed Plan in response to the TMDL.

There was discussion of **Bob Ford's comments about WSWA**, which were reported in the most recent edition of the *Morgan Messenger*. It was decided to put together a presentation to be made to the Commission about the goals and accomplishments of the watershed association.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:05.

Next Meeting: October 26 @ 6:00PM at the Extension Office