

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association
Wednesday, October 26, 2016

Attendance

The following board members were present: Michael Brooks, Norman Dean; Jeff Iliff; Kate Lehman; Rebecca MacLeod; Andy Swaim; Bob Wurster. The following board members were excused: Betty Harmison; Larry Lower; Tim Rowland. Other: Stan Oaks.

Announcements and Reports

Kate announced that the Town of Bath Tree Board has a **tree planting** on Saturday, October 29 @ 8:30 in Greenway Cemetery; WSWA is a partner in the Chesapeake Bay Community Grant providing funds for this project.

Jeff reported on his experience at **Watershed Celebration Day**, which was held at Canaan Valley State Park on October 22. He attended two breakout sessions, one on the proposed Mountainair Gas pipeline project, the other one on stormwater management. WSWA was awarded \$100.00 for our work in green stormwater management.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the September 28 meeting stated that Betty Harrison was in attendance, which was not the case. Rebecca moved/Norman seconded that the corrected minutes be accepted; the vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that at our September 28th meeting there was \$13,102.32 in our CNB account; since that time there were no debits and one credit:

- \$85 in donations to Carla Hardy Memorial Fund was deposited to our account.

As if today, there is \$13,187.32 in the account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Andy reported that he wrote a check in the amount of \$5000.00 to Dennis Schaeffer (GHS) to pay for our share of the work done in the Greenway Cemetery rain garden. Funds to cover the check come from our 2016 Stream Partners grant. While the grant was for \$4920.00, the Town of Bath Management and Maintenance Corporation made a cost-sharing contribution of \$200.00 to the project, as stipulated in the grant proposal. As of today, the check had not been cashed.

Andy Jeff spent \$191.32. Kate moved/Mike seconded; unanimous

Brought back \$200.00 scholarship as well as the \$100.00 check with Green Water Award.

Advocacy: in terms of time sensitive issues, Jeff is free to take positions advocating legislation or to agencies that work in support of increases protection on environmental concerns, or that is chipping away at legislations that are already weak, anything that is pro-forestry or parks spending; can send letters without board approval Rebecca moved that we approve the list of subjects for which Jeff can advocate in the name of WSWA without board approval; can send copies to people. more complex go before the whole board; try to send letters to board members ahead of time when possible.
Rebecca/Norman; unanimous

Membership: Not yet sent out renewal letters this month; getting late in the year to do that this year. At the last meeting, Michael will let people know how far they are paid up. Rebecca recommend we send notices to everyone to let them know what their status is, and that we are accepting donations. Can list some things we do with this money. Andy has given people receipts in the past, can do so as needed.

Program: Larry Schultz — can he talk about the sand mine; see if he can speak on the issue or if he knows anyone...how to gather information; program sooner than April. Rain Gardens for April. Loo for someone outside of area.

Publicity:

Stream Monitoring: done for the season. Norman would like to have someone else take over. do a community search for someone who would like to be trained. Jeff and Bob interested in being trained. Rebecca moved that we work with other watershed to do a joint training in the spring. Training to level three.

Webmaster: Need backup for Face Book and website, even more so since Tim will be moving. Jeff will be backup for Michael.

Unfinished Business

Purple Loosestrife Eating Beetles: see if there is someplace we can purchase some purple loosestrife eating beetles

Adopt-a-Highway Experience: it was fun. Paperwork has been filled out and sent it to DoH. DoH will give the next level of paperwork to DEP. Make it Shine counts as our second effort. Someone else did the same area in the past; there is a faded sign past Winchester Grade

Road. If we exclude the dangerous area between the rescue squad and Family Dollar, the remaining area is almost exactly two miles.

Talk to DoH about tires on Jamestown Road

Memorial Gift for Carla Hardy: \$

2016 Stream Partners Grant/Rain Garden Planting

Proposed Pipeline Project: Rebecca, Bob and Jeff have gone to some of the meetings about the pipeline. The leaders are organized and motivated; Brent Walls and Abigail Benjamin involved. This might be a good opportunity for us to expand our membership into more people and younger people. We need a new membership brochure; "membership fees can be waived on a case by case basis."

Rain Garden Ribbon Cutting Event: Do something in the spring, perhaps around Memorial Day.

Tree Maintenance on Daisy Abbott Property: check with Debbie Dhayer about parking.

New Business

Combined November/December Meeting: No November meeting; December 14

Japanese Knotweed Control: biological control with goats a better option

2016 Local Source Water Protection Grant: good opportunity for us; rural water committee — designate Berkeley Springs as a sole source aquifer; extend protection to the area where the source is considered to be. water department or town would need to apply. County ready to update comp plan; county planning commission should support. talk to Terry Largent; suggest put together a committee which has WSWA members on it. We can do work, with their name on the submission.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30