

**Minutes**  
**Warm Springs Watershed Association**  
**Wednesday, February 22, 2017**

Attendance

Michael Brooks, Normal Dean, Jeff Iliff, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Andy Swaim and Bob Wurster. **Excused absences:** Betty Harmison, Larry Lower, Tim Rowland.

Announcements and Reports

Kate reported that she helped Matt Pennington with a lesson from the Potomac Valley Audubon Society's **Watershed Education program** at Warm Springs Intermediate School. Matt is a wonderful teacher, and for the most part the students were very engaged and enthusiastic.

Jeff reported **WV HB 2506** went through the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 10-5. If passed by the full legislature, this bill would allow more pollution to be discharged into West Virginia's rivers and streams, giving industry officials their first victory in a renewed effort toward passage of a long-sought weakening of water quality protections. One Republican, Riley Moore, from Jefferson County, was swayed by phone calls from constituents to vote against the measure.

The annual dam inspection will be conducted by the WV Conservation Agency on April 16. Those persons wishing to participate are invited to meet in the Morgan Square parking lot at 9:00AM.

Secretary's Report

Jeff moved/Mike seconded to file the minutes as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that at the last meeting, January 25, 2017, the balance in our CNB account was \$8610.22. In the past month, there have been three debits:

- \$62.00 to the US Postal Service for rental of our PO box. This expenditure was approved at our last meeting.
- \$517.00 to Dog Waste Depot. This expenditure is part of our 2017 Stream Partners grant.
- \$11.97 to Hunter's Hardware for three bags of Sakrete, which will be used to install the pet waste stations. This expenditure is also part of our 2017 Stream Partners grant.

Since the last meeting there have been three credits:

- \$4591 from the 2017 Stream Partners grant
- \$150 from the second quarter Hotel/Motel Tax Disbursement
- \$110 in membership dues.

As of today, February 22, there is \$12,807.25 in our CNB account.

The Treasurer's Report was filed to audit.

### Committee Reports

Andy reported that there are no outstanding bills to be paid at this point.

The Audit Committee will meet on Monday, March 20 at 4:00 at the Extension Office. Michael, Rebecca and Bob are on the committee; Andy will attend.

In addition to doing an audit on Treasurer's Reports in the 2016/17 fiscal year, this group will establish a preliminary budget. Both reports will be made to the Board in March, and then presented at the Annual Meeting.

### Advocacy Committee

Jeff reported that he receives scores of potential actions he could forward to us, and asked if people feel the need for more involvement. The consensus is that Jeff is sending out an appropriate amount of information. Most members also act on information received from other sources.

### Membership

Mike reported that there have been an additional 6 membership renewals since the last board meeting.

### Program

The Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 12, at 6:00 at the School Board. Kate is still working on procuring a speaker. Rebecca recommended James Dillon of Native Havens. Mike reported that he attended a workshop where Mr. Dillon made a presentation and found him to be an excellent speaker. Kate will continue to pursue this matter. There was consensus that we can pay Mr. Dillon a reasonable fee if necessary.

### Stream Monitoring

Stream monitoring will begin in April. Norman plans to contact Glenn Nelson about

more training to measure increasing amounts of sediment in the water.

### **Unfinished Business**

Kate has contacted Susie and Paul Allen to determine if their daughter and a friend are interested in being sponsored for the CI **Stream Scholars** program. They have not yet responded. Kate will follow up on this matter.

Kate contacted Dave Aberegg at the High School about working with Envirothon students interested in a **Macro-ID workshop**. He has not yet responded; Kate will follow up on this matter.

A note of commendation was sent to Robin Dolly, the WVDEP Environmental Inspector Supervisor, about the consistently conscientious work done by Gerry Crispino.

The three pet waste stations purchased as part of our **2017 Stream Partners** project have arrived. Three sites have been chosen. The installation process will begin on Saturday, March 4, at noon.

**To Do:**

- Andy will contact Miss Utility to secure permission to dig holes necessary for installation.
- Kate will contact the Morgan Messenger and/or write a press release.

We will reach out to the Master Gardeners to see if anyone would like to take on planning of the rain garden in the cemetery, also part of our 2017 Stream Partners grant.

Jeff reported that **E-Day in Charleston** is still in a state of flux. Given that both of the people we would be visiting are local – Saira Blair and Daryl Cowles – we decided it would be better to make arrangements to meet with them locally,

We have registered for space at the Master Gardener Plant Fair.

**To Do: Kate** will provide a sign-up sheet for the next meeting and for the Annual Meeting.

Gerry Crispino investigated the presence of **soapsuds in the Run**, and will conduct a dye test to determine precisely where they are coming from.

Kristen Mielcarek, watershed circuit rider for the **Canaan Valley Institute**, will attend our next meeting. Prior to the meeting she will conduct a survey of various projects outlined in the Green Infrastructure study conducted by the Town of Bath.

Our **application for the Hotel/Motel Tax Redistribution** program has been completed. We have requested \$750.00 The application will be submitted on Monday.

## **New Business**

Jeff reported that an **Adopt-a-Highway sign** has been installed at the north end of town. The sign has not yet been installed at the south end of our area. Our next clean-up will take place on Friday, April 14, starting at 9:00. We will meet at the Depot parking lot.

We have registered for the **Make it Shine** event, which will take place on Tuesday, April 11, starting at 11:00. We will meet in the pull-off area by the town water tower on Myers.

**To Do: Andy** will contact the Water Department to secure permission to park on Water Department property.

Rebecca will create “**electronic stationery**” so that we can go paperless when appropriate.

At a date yet to be determined, Rebecca will hold a **workshop on the basics of Excel** needed by environmental groups for various aspects of record keeping.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30.