

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Annual Meeting
April 12, 2017

Attendance

The following people attended the Annual Meeting: Norman Dean, Jeff Iliff, Susan Jones, Kate Lehman, Rebecca MacLeod, Chuck Marsh, Stan Oaks, Andy Swaim and Monica Whyte. Ms. Whyte is with the WV Health Department. David Lillard, of WV Rivers Coalition and our guest speaker, also attended the business meeting.

Welcome and Announcements

Jeff reminded people about our **Adopt-a-Highway** project on Friday, April 14. We will meet at the Depot Parking Lot.

Kate passed around a volunteer signup sheet for the 2017 **Master Gardener Plant Fair**, which will be held May 12 and 13.

Norman passed around a volunteer signup sheet for **Stream Monitoring**.

Kate asked people to save the date of Saturday, August 12 when we will host a meeting on **rain gardens**. James Dillon is with Native Havens, a landscape design company that specializes in rain gardens.

Thank you to Bob and Dale Wurster for providing homemade cookies.

Presentation

David Lillard explored “the good, the bad, and the ugly” in terms of state and federal actions that have the potential to affect the environment. While there is much cause for concern, there is also hope that letters, phone calls and lobbying on the part of concerned citizens can make a difference. One example shared by David is the positive response of federal lawmakers to activists who attended Bay Day on the Hill. Lawmakers in other parts of the country, such as those in close proximity to the Great Lakes, also affirm the need for regulations to be maintained as well as for ongoing funding to protect and restore these national treasures.

Business Meeting

President’s Report: Kate reported that the highlights of the past year include extensive maintenance of past projects, such as removing tubes, cages and stakes from trees that have been planted previously. Given the expanding impervious

footprint in the watershed, Kate expressed her view that it will continue to be important to engage in projects designed to slow and capture stormwater runoff.
Secretary's Report: The Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

Andy reported that as of today, April 12, 2017, there is \$12,826.54 in our CNB banking account. The proposed budget for 2017 was approved. It was noted that the Auditing Committee has gone over the 2016 accounts and declared that there are no discrepancies in the books.

Andy presented one bill for approval for payment:

- \$15.00 to the Morgan Messenger for the annual meeting legal notice. This item is included in our budget.

Election: The nominating committee reported that two board members are unable to continue: Tim Rowland has moved to the Adirondacks; Larry Lower, who has served on the board since the inception of the WSWA, has asked to resign so that he can put more energy into areas such as Streetscapes and the Town of Bath Planning Commission. On behalf of everyone present, Kate expressed gratitude for Tim and Larry's outstanding service to WSWA board and the watershed.

The Nominating Committee presented Brian McCann and Stan Oaks as candidates to service on the Board for the next three years. The vote for the new slate was unanimous.

Given the proposal by US Silica to move blasting operations north, WSWA members have been working on a **Motion to Protect our Source Water**. There was discussion of a draft proposal written by Rebecca; the final draft will be approved by the Board and sent to appropriate officials.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.