

Minutes
Winter River - Tracadie Bay Watershed Association
Board of Directors Meeting

Grand Tracadie School
February 25, 2009, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes

Allan MacCormac
Don Mazer

1. Welcome

The meeting was convened with a majority of Board members present.

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the February 11 meeting of the Board of Directors were approved.

3. Business

- a) On February 17, Cathy, Don and Rod met with the Board of the Tracadie Area Residents for Resource Protection (TARRP) to continue our discussion of a partnering relationship which should lead to a higher level of community support and volunteer involvement in the watershed. Our aim is to work collaboratively to develop a watershed management plan and for TARRP to assume primary responsibility for watershed projects in the eastern part of the watershed, while the Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association will assume primary responsibility for projects in the western part of the watershed.
- b) For the record, we clarified a point that we had made in a letter to TARRP (December 3, 2008) in which we believed that Wayne Corrigan had invited Gary Griffin to attend a meeting of our Organizing Committee. We subsequently learned that this invitation was never extended to Gary. Our letter had indicated that "we were disappointed that he did not attend", and now we realize that he couldn't have attended because he didn't know about the meeting. Our comments in the December 3 letter were only a statement of the facts as we understood them, and not meant to suggest that Gary Griffin was uninterested or unwilling to meet with us, or to work collaboratively on watershed issues.
- c) The primary business of the meeting was to review the application to the Watershed Management Fund. Some minor editing of the text portion of the application will be required as will also be necessary for the financial portion. The value of funding requested will be revised to include an amount to allow us to proceed with

- incorporation. The application will be emailed on or before February 27 and a signed paper copy will follow by mail.
- d) A letter requesting funds to conduct a river survey has been sent to Craig Walker at the City of Charlottetown.
 - e) John, Allan, and Rod will attend a noontime meeting with Brian Thompson (P.E.I. Department of Transportation and Public Works) and a Halifax consultant regarding the study that has taken place at the Corran Ban Bridge. The meeting will take place on March 5 in the 3rd floor boardroom of the Jones Building.
 - f) Cathy and John have prepared a display they will use to represent our Association at the Watershed Information Day being organized by the Friends of Covehead and Brackley Bay on the morning of Saturday, February 28 at the North Shore Community Centre.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Tracadie School on Tuesday, March 10. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.