

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

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**August 15, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Ben Hoteling  
Bruce Smith  
Cathy Corrigan  
Don Mazer

John Hughes  
Lowell Vessey  
Sarah Wheatley

**1. Welcome**

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

**2. Review of minutes from last board meeting**

The minutes from the July board meeting were read and accepted.

**3. Water Extraction Issues**

- a. Letter to Craig regarding new wells in Suffolk – He responded with details about the timetable for the Milton wells but nothing about the timetable for new wells in Suffolk. Don wrote back asking the same question again.
- b. Letter to the Province regarding the water extraction policy applicable to the Winter River - Cathy emailed the response that we received.
- c. Don drafted a letter to Jim Young regarding the fact that the City exceeded their permitted amounts at Union and Suffolk wellfields in 2012. Their overall usage in 2012 was higher than it was in 2011.
- d. Monthly extraction data for 2012 and 2013 was recently made available, which gives us information about the seasonality of water extraction.
- e. We had an extensive discussion about the City's plan to drill more wells in Suffolk. We did a round table to get everyone's opinion on the matter. We reaffirmed our commitment to working on reducing water extraction from the watershed, and there was consensus that we would oppose any new wells in the watershed for a variety of reasons. We discussed the need for community organization for support on this issue.
- f. It was suggested that we need to improve our relationship and communication with the City in the future.

**4. Other Business (Co-chair, coordinator and treasurer reports were circulated prior to the meeting).**

- a. Staffing – We will soon only have one person left doing field work plus Bruce. Chris asked if we could extend his position for another month to supervise the other staff member. A more cost effective idea is to have our one field worker and Covehead's one field worker to work together and alternate between completing tasks in the two areas.
- b. We will think about an appropriate memorial for Allan MacCormac who recently passed away.
- c. The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup is coming up soon. We decided that if we did participate, we would want to get the aquaculture industry involved, since that is the source of most of the waste in the bay.
- d. We should try to get more people involved as volunteers on some of our work committees, especially since the board has less people this year

**5. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be September 19.