

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

Grand Tracadie School
December 15, 2011, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Present:

George Coade
Cathy Corrigan
Rod Dempsey
John Hughes

Don Mazer
Bruce Smith
Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

1. Welcome

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

2. Watershed Management Plan/Steering Committee

It was decided to facilitate the development of the watershed management plan by forming a Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee composed of the following Board members: Cathy, Rod, Don, and Sarah. The Steering Committee will assist Coordinator Bruce Smith in the development of the watershed management plan by assisting in identifying major themes to be contained in the plan, consulting with Board members, and assisting with the preparation of the draft plan. The first meeting of the Steering Committee will be January 11, 2012.

Discussion occurred on the timetable which will guide the development of the watershed management plan. This included the development of goals and objectives in preparation for a potential public meeting in February of 2012. Bruce has a copy of a generalized watershed management plan which will serve as a foundation document, and he will begin adding specific content subject to the direction of the Steering Committee.

It is intended that a draft of the watershed management plan will be available for presentation at the annual general meeting in the spring of 2012.

3. Other Business

- George suggested we form a field work committee to plan for the upcoming year.
- Bruce and John Hughes have been following “silt trails” in the river on rainy days to determine the origin of the silt.
- Cathy has given two water conservation talks at Stonepark Intermediate High School.
- The new Minister of Environment, Labour and Justice, Janice Sherry made a presentation to the Watershed Alliance.

- Cathy and Sarah have met with Ramona Doyle (Water Conservation Program Coordinator, City of Charlottetown) and Ellen Andrews (Andrews Media Design) to discuss a water conservation ad campaign. It is hoped that the campaign will include water conservation targets.
- Don has been contacted by a resident who raised a question/concern about “Roundup ready” soy beans being grown in the watershed.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 19, at the Grand Tracadie School. Association members and the public are welcome to attend.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.