

Winter River Tracadie Bay Watershed Association
9th June 2015 7:00 pm at our Office in Marshfield.

Attendance: Lowell, John, J.P., Scott, Ben, Dominic, George, Meghan

Regrets: Matt, Will, Bernie, David

Called to order at 7:05pm.

George welcomed board members. The purpose of this meeting is to elect an executive, and look at committee structure and members.

1. Selection of Officers

Chair - nominated by Lowell, 2nded by Meghan - George Coade

Vice-Chair - nominated by John – Meghan McCarthy

Treasurer - nominated by Meghan, 2nded by J.P. – Lowell Vessey

Secretary - Meghan McCarthy (tentative)

2. Selection of Committees and the directors who want to serve on each committee:

Communications & Events – Meghan, Bernie, Sarah

External Relations – J.P., Will, George, Sarah

Fieldwork – Ben, Dominic, John, Matt, Scott, George, Sarah

Events (Spring/Winter hikes etc.) will be organized by the Communications/PR committee.

Watershed Alliance – George & Sarah went to the annual meeting. It was discussed that funding has not been equitable across watershed groups, based on area. Sarah went to the Central Watershed group meeting. Want to make sure our POV is addressed.

External Relations committee will meet with the City on June 19. Funding has been approved, hope to have a cheque soon.

3. Review of past year and a look into 2015

Scott – would like to have funding information, so that each person knows how the funding applications work, where money comes and goes.

Tree planting – George tagged topographical map. Sarah has sent letters to those landowners.

By late August this year, looking at the field to see what has been done, and what we can plan for next year. John pointed out that existing trees, planted other years, need pruning & maintenance. Why are gaspereau being lifted into the pond (past the fish ladder)? Work is more meaningful if we know why things are being done.

John suggested that log sheets be handed in at least weekly to Sarah.

4. Update on Staffing and Funding

Potential for 12 staff for this year – that’s the most we can handle.

Suggested by Dominic, and J.P. that we look at the talent/skills of our staff. Whether presentations, research – possible rain day projects.

John suggested that we need to evaluate what we’ve already done, and look at those issues in terms of what needs to be done or not done this year.

Scott – we need to look at things like water temps, fish ladder not working on Officer’s Pond, cleaning springs, and address these things with FPT groups.

George discussed the tree plantings – right tree for the right spot. Sarah will explain in more detail at the next meeting.

George will ask Sarah will bring more info on staffing and funding at our next meeting.

5. Marian White letter

Should we address it or not? Ms. White did not attend the annual meeting.

Cathy replied, not as part of the watershed, to Ms. White’s Facebook comment. Decided that we would not address it directly.

6. Holiday pay - Employment standards act – 4%, which represents 2 weeks holidays.

Practice of paying it out every two weeks is well established. Other option is to hold 4% and pay it out at the end of the employment contract.

Course – Sarah attended Wilderness First Aid - ~\$700 cost. Moved by John that we pay 50% of the cost of the course. Seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

We should have a budget prepared with regards to education/training as it relates to work in the watershed. What types of training are needed?

Important that Sarah gets out into the field, too. She’s working on that side of things, too.

7. Date for next meeting:

June 23rd at 7pm.

8. Approval of Minutes

Signature – George Coade, Chair of WRTBWA

Date

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Signature – Meghan McCarthy, Recording Secretary of WRTBWA

Date