

## **Wood Pawcatuck Watershed Association**

### **Board Meeting**

Minutes of April 26, 2012 Meeting

6:30 – 8:30 PM

WPWA Conference Room, 203 Arcadia Rd., Hope Valley, RI

**Attendees:** C. Fox, M. Grant, P. August, K. Breene, N. Hess, H. Ward, A. Morrison, T. Boving, A. Desbonnet, D. Ionata, H. Drew, L. Bottaro (7:30 p.m.)

#### **1. Call to Order 6:41 pm**

- a) Attendance (*above*)
- b) Approval of Minutes: *3/15/11 Meeting*: Motion (PVA), 2nd (AM), to approve the minutes, passed.
- c) Introductory Comments – M. Grant reports that Ed Lombardo has resigned because of other commitments. Nominating Committee will begin search for a replacement.

#### **2. Executive Session 6:50**

*(discussion requested by M. Grant)*

Sealed minutes under separate cover.

#### **Out of Executive Session at 7:00**

#### **3. Old Business**

- a) In Memory for D. Poyer – A. Morrison reports that a card will be sent around and donations accepted for a gift in memory of Denise's mother. C. Fox will ask what charity to send the gifts to.
- b) 2012 Board Retreat – C. Fox reports that the retreat will be held June 21 at 4:00 p.m.
- c) Annual Meeting – A. Morrison & C. Fox report that everything seems to be in order. No contract is in place but deemed not necessary. Jon Boothroyd will be given 30 minutes for his talk.

#### **4. New Business**

- a) Switch Road Landing, Formal Naming Process – D. Ionata. Motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed, to name this landing in honor of Bob Schiedler. Bob thinks this would be fine. Chris will ask DEM to start the naming process.
- b) Wild & Scenic Testimony – C. Fox reports that Denise did a great job. L. Bottaro circulates an article about her testimony.
- c) Board Retreat Scheduling – C. Fox, see above.

#### **5. Reports 8:00-8:30pm**

- a) President's Report – M. Grant, no report.
- b) Treasurer's Report –
  - i. P. August reports that the 2012 budget is on track and budgeted appropriately. P. August is now involved in the audit and has been training with our bookkeeper.
- c) Executive Director's Report –

i. C. Fox reports that a URI class presented four conceptual design plans for the portage passage; DEM funds are anticipated to help with this project. The Board commends the students for their great design work.

ii. C. Fox reports that WPWA will be the fiscal agent for an EPA Watershed Counts Grant pursuant to a request from Meg Kerr and prior approval of the Executive Committee. WPWA will net \$6000 in administrative costs and receive an additional \$6000 for Denise's training time. N. Hess expressed concern about taking on this project outside the watershed. P. August notes that it will show WPWA as a leader in training and will help to offset Denise's salary, with a net benefit of \$5000 for Denise's part of the grant. M. Grant notes our role as a watershed organization leader is supported by efforts like these. H. Drew questions whether this will draw Denise away from other WPWA work. P. August supports C. Fox's quick action on this item in light of the late request by M. Kerr. All agree to continue to think strategically about such requests and ask Meg Kerr for more time for any future requests.

iii. C. Fox reports that NRCS EWP grant funds for the Kenyon project are coming through.

d) Committee Reports

i. Nominating Committee – Discussion regarding VP position. N. Hess presents the following slate for 2012-2013: M. Grant, President; H. Drew, VP; T. Boving, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP; L. Bottaro, Secretary; P. August, Treasurer.

ii. Board Development – D. Ionata announces that E. Lombardo's resignation as Trustee was accepted, and the committee will review the prior list of candidates for trustees; notes the need for CPA skills.

iii. Fundraising – no report.

iv. Science & Technology – T. Boving reports that the current budget for Watershed Watch is still within budget. He is talking to Amgen for additional \$10,000 needed to pay the future increase. P. August will look into a request to AquaScience. T. Boving reports that we are not under drought conditions because of recent weather, 3-4 inches of rain. Notes that 3-4 inch storms are the new norm. Discussion regarding whether we develop a drought plan. Committee agrees to draft a letter to the Water Resources Board reminding of its statutory responsibility to act and a notice to homeowners regarding water conservation.

v. Development Review – no report.

vi. Lecture Series Committee – no report.

vii. Annual Meeting Committee – already discussed.

## 6. Conclusion

a) Closing Remarks: none.

b) 2012 Meeting Dates – 5/17 (annual mtg), 6/21, 8/16, 9/20, 10/18, 11/15, 12/2 or 9

c) Motion to Adjourn, passed.

*Minutes submitted electronically by P. August, L. Bottaro and C. Fox.*