

**Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
January 23rd, 2014 6:30pm**

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Attending: A. Desbonnet, M. Grant, W. Galloway, C. Fox, H. Drew, P. August, K. Coulter,  
G. Cunningham

Not in Attendance: T. Boving, A. Morrison

**1. Call to Order 6:42 PM**

- a) Approval of Minutes: 11/21/13 Meeting **TABLED UNTIL FEBRUARY.**

**2. C. Fox Reviewed progress according to 2014 Plan of Work:**

- **MISSION DEVELOPMENT**

**Water Quality Monitoring:** No fed or state funding secured yet. Responses from direct mail FR in process. Mediocre results.

**River Restoration & Flood Mitigation:** Kenyon will be complete in 2014. WPWA roll in 2014-15 \$2.2mil. lower Pawcatuck fish restoration/flood mitigation project still unclear. WPWA submitting a proposal under development to USFWS Sandy Relief Grant 1/31/14 (prospectus circulated to the board). P. August & C. Fox to work on Wood River Jct Stream Gage outreach in 1/14.

- **WILD AND SCENIC DESIGNATION**

This “wildcard” 2014 Plan of Work item may become a reality in late 2014. Bill has passed full House and Senate Subcommittee. Only passage by the full Senate and Presidential authorization is required. Natl Park Service & Rep. Langevin are reviewing W&S initial findings report prepared by NPS staff. Report supports the W&S values of the rivers.

- **PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

**Education, Recreation, & Service:** Progress in line with 2014 Plan of Work

- **ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Fund:** Tabled for discussion later in the meeting

**Membership:** Tabled for discussion later in the meeting

**Campus:** Renovations underway. Boisclair Building Concepts retained for the work.

Complications with Town permitting arose, C. Fox working with Town to change the Zoning and classification of the front building from Storage to multi-pupose. Addition of fire alarm system not required due to occupancy of the building.

**Digital, Print, & Presentation Outreach:** No progress to report.

3. Discussion around question:can we change workplan? Everyone agreed we can tweak details but major areas should remain intact. The budget is fixed for the year and the workplan is tied to the budget. Both require an ammendment vote to be altered mid-year.

4. Discussion around visiting sites of WPWA projects. Walt would like to see project sites, other members of the Board reported such trips were always helpful. C Fox. Will schedule a tour.

5. Discussion around if we don't meet ambitious budget targets, do we have a plan B? There are no big unknowns in the budget so we really don't need to spend time developing scenarios.

6. Update from Membership Task Force on progress and survey development tabled until Feb.

7. Board development (Helen) - Need to talk about what we need in new board members. Will discuss this next meeting.

8. Mal moved to approve plan of work. Motion was seconded by A. Desbonnet, and approved by all.

9. Budget: Helen moved to approve, seconded by W. Galloway (stipulating the addition of 2013 Budget column in the 2014 Budget). 2014 Budget was approved with the stipulation.

10. Fund development committee. Need an active group to take ownership of fund development and membership. Concern that there are too few people, too many tasks. Need to get some fresh faces. Perhaps a main article in next newsletter for a call for volunteers. Alan will do first draft. Pete and Alisa will draft (with Alan and Chris) a draft plan. Chris will reach out to RIF for example "Charges" of such committees. Identified potential chairs and A. Desbonnet will develop charges for review at the Feb Workshop.

11. Helen led a discussion of a climate change workshop for communities on preparing for cc, mitigate flood/drought. She and K. Coulter will develop the idea. Determined this is not in the Plan of Work for 2014, but perhaps could be included in 2015 PoW. Recognized that the level of effort to host would be a monumental undertaking.

12. C. Fox reports H. Hamilton still seeking other employment & D. Poyer is on light duty as a result of an injury occurring on personal time.

Adjourned at 8:40pm

*Minutes submitted electronically by P. August and C. Fox.*