## **Approved 2/25/16**

# Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association Board of Trustees Meeting January 21, 2016

Attending: P. August, A. Bryson, K. Coulter, H. Drew, C. Fox, W. Galloway, M. Grant, J.

Mackenzie, A. McCann, D. Walsh

Excused: A. Desbonnet, J. MacAndrews

## 1. Call to Order & Overview 6:40 PM

The minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 2015 were approved unanimously.

#### 2. Status of Activities

The Membership Development Committee met on 12/30/15. They continued to plan for a meeting with local businesses. The purpose of the meeting will be to get input on how to attract businesses to support the organization, including the development of a business membership category. The committee needs another meeting to work out the details. They will try to hold the meeting with businesses by the end of March.

The Fund Development Committee met on 1/19/15. They identified prospects, set a goal of raising \$10,000 and began to approach prospects. Helen raised the possibility of the board giving amounts in addition to their existing donations as part of the campaign for \$10,000. There was a discussion as to the content of the fundraising pitch, how prospects were identified, and how to approach them.

## 3. Emeritus Trustees Policy Proposal

The Board approved the proposed changes and additions to the existing emeritus trustee policy as they were drafted by Pete August. Board policies are to be found on the website, which will reflect the changes.

## 4. Water Quality Monitoring Policy

Walt Galloway presented the recommendations for future monitoring strategy set forth in the report prepared by Elise Torello. Sampling sites were divided into three tiers, with the first tier sites for which we should continue monitoring, the second tier sites for which monitoring should continue if resources allow, and the third tier sites that could be foregone. Costs to monitor each site were provided; they differ and we do not pay for all sites. There was a discussion of some of the reasons for assigning sites to tiers, and of how to approach volunteers whose sites may no longer be monitored. Elise will put together final recommendations, taking into account the discussion. Once we have decided on future policy, it was suggested we convene volunteers and

inform them of what the changes will be and why. Pete suggested asking monitors whose site will be dropped to continue to support our monitoring efforts by sampling at one of our new locations.

## 5. 2016 Final Budget and Workplan

Jen presented the proposed final 2016 budget. The final contains increased revenue projections based on this year's experience, added the recently received monies from the Lattner foundation, and \$18,000 reprogrammed from the flood resiliency grant. Kim moved to approve the budget as presented, Pete seconded, and the budget was unanimously approved.

## 6. ED Update

Chris informed the board of the recommendation of the flood resiliency project to remove the Wyoming dam. Removal is the best option for flood mitigation but there will be concern among the public and the State for the implications of removal. Chris will be writing to various State directors to engage them in supporting the recommendation.

#### 7. ED Evaluation

The board moved into executive session for a discussion with the executive director of his evaluation.

### 8. Other Business

Walt nominated Brenda Rashleigh as a new board member. Mal seconded the nomination, and Brenda was unanimously approved as a new board member.

## 9. Adjournment

At 8:50, there being no other business, all agreed to adjourn.