

WPWA 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting 5/18/17

Present: Alan, Brenda, Jen, Donna, Chris

Call to order 6:50pm.

Welcome and greeting from Alan. Alan presented year in review for the board: received RI Foundation grant that funded a consultant, working on financial sustainability for the long-term as WPWA transitions away from large projects, considering planned giving and business community memberships, also working on building board.

Chris presented year in review for the staff. Some highlights:

- 2016 retooling of memberships (giving back to members via kayak time), working on vacation/weekly membership
- 2 welcome center staffers starting June 3. Hundreds of school children taken out on river, boats loaned to Chariho Middle School.
- Continued WQ monitoring, specific conductivity meters installed at 10 locations
- Whiterock Dam removal (good for herring and water quality), Bradford Dam removal by TNC with ramp, Cronan resource project done with handicap-accessible ramps constructed, TNC access at Carter Preserve constructed – joint paddle planned for June
- Flood management plan from Hurricane Sandy completed, provides for green infrastructure
- Wild and Scenic progress (subcommittees formed for 6 river sections)
- Advocacy for Amtrak issue (with other environmental organizations)

Election of Trustees (Linda Green made motion, Mrs. Desbonnet seconded, accepted unanimously): Alan Desbonnet for 1<sup>st</sup> partial term (1 year); Tom Ferrio for 1<sup>st</sup> Partial Term (2 years), Jennifer Mackenzie for 1<sup>st</sup> full term (3 years).

Jennifer presented Treasurer's Report: WPWA staff streamlined budget, 10K deficit for 2016.

Chris will present water quality monitor awards in person.

Adjourn 7:47pm.