

**Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed Association
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 19, 2015**

Attending: P. August, A. Bryson, C. Fox, W. Galloway, D. Walsh, A. Desbonnet, J. MacKenzie,
A. McCann, J. MacAndrews, M. Grant, J. Stefanelli
Excused: K. Coulter, H. Drew
Guest: Elise Torello (7pm)

1. Call to Order & Overview 6:45 PM

Pete August, Vice President, chaired the meeting in the absence of the President.

2. Status of Activities

a) The minutes of the meeting held on October 15, 2015 were adopted by unanimous vote. J. MacKenzie moved to accept them and D. Walsh seconded the motion.

b) J. Mackenzie presented the third quarter financial report. There is a shortage of operating funds. Several budgeted items fell short of budgeted amounts or did not materialize at all. Currently there is not enough available cash to meet payroll and to pay our accountant through the end of year. Jen advised we would have to draw down from the investment account. P. August moved to approve the withdrawal of \$12K to meet immediate needs, and to authorize the Executive Committee to withdraw an additional \$6K if necessary. A Desbonnet seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

c) The annual appeal went out. There is a goal of \$14K, higher than previously. \$3,750 has already come in. Chris has asked for \$75K from the Lattner Foundation, stressing the need for funding to implement the recommendations of the Flood Resiliency and Wild and Scenic Plans. He will be speaking with their executive after Thanksgiving and hopes to have him visit the campus. The White Rock dam removal project is substantially complete. The Flood Resiliency project is proceeding well. Bridges, culverts and dams have been inspected and assessed. Chris wants to brief RIDOT and State Officials on the project's deliverables so that they can incorporate flood concerns into upcoming culvert and bridge reconstruction. Chris is looking for per diem help in two areas: program guides and Welcome Center staffing. He attended an informal meeting of concerned citizens regarding DOT's proposal for a welcome center at Exit 1. He will concentrate on getting DOT to incorporate our environmental concerns when they roll out the project.

3. Water Quality Assessment Project

Elise presented the methodology and findings of the report "Assessing the Wood-Pawcatuck Association's Water Quality Monitoring Program." The report is a strategic examination of the whole watershed to look at long term data trends and determine if the program needs

restructuring. Walt and Alan will work with Elise and Denise to come up with recommendations for the board to act on based on the report. The Water Quality Assessment team will report to the board in February.

4. Emeritus Trustees Policy Development Update

Pete has drafted and recommended the adoption of an amendment to the by-laws regarding Emeritus Trustees. The draft will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting. Amendments to the by-laws must be adopted by the members at the annual meeting.

5. Other business

Jen suggested preparing a special Christmas solicitation focused on paddling. There was some discussion and the suggestion was tabled to work out the details.

6. Schedule of Meetings

Details regarding the 12/17 meeting will be worked out by email.

7. Adjournment

At 8:45, there being no other business, Alan moved to adjourn, Jen seconded, and all agreed.