

**Minutes**  
**Winter River-Tracadie Bay Watershed Association Board Meeting**

**October 20, 2011, 7:00-9:30**  
**Grand Tracadie School**

Present: Cathy Corrigan, George Coade, John Hughes, Don Mazer, Chris Mutch, Bruce Smith, Becky Peterson, John Dalziel

1. Welcome - The meeting was convened with a majority of the Board members present
2. Review of minutes of September 22, 2011. In re Item #7, the dates indicated in the schedule for developing the watershed management plan are intended more as an outline of needed activities and the order in which they need to be done. We won't hold to these specific dates since our goal for this year is to have a first draft of the plan to present at the 2012 AGM for feedback from the membership.
3. Agenda review - there was some reordering of agenda items to accommodate the schedules of those how needed to leave earlier.
4. Don reviewed the election and water supply issues. While we were successful in getting our issue into the public eye, we weren't able to secure any commitments to the new wellfield, and will now prepare to work with a new minister of the Environment.
5. Cathy announced a GMO workshop on October 24 at the Charlottetown Hotel; she will also present at the Community Dialogue series on October 27 at Confederation Centre Library.
6. Cathy and Bruce reported on the Town Hall forum on Water organized by Sean Casey and felt it was a successful event with good presentations; Todd Dupuis' talk identified some key Winter River issues; Ramona Doyle discussed the water conservation issues.
7. It is yet to be determined if a Nitrate Clinic will be offered on the day of the Watershed Planning meeting with the general public.
8. Becky's report
  - Fish inventory assessment is proceeding well.
  - GPS work will provide data about the trees we are planting...dates planted, monitoring their condition, etc.
  - Becky reviewed what's required for charitable status and circulated the application forms.
  - Education - it would be useful to partner with other programs.
  - Water Wizards (Sierra Club) - could develop a program with them that is more specific to our watershed and our issues.
  - Adopt a River (BBEMA) - they could come to our river and work with the students at LM Montgomery School.
  - EcoAction - Becky proposed a project on Pit Restoration as an Educational Activity. She has talked to owners (VANCO) who seem receptive, and we explored the idea of partnering

with the Wildlife Federation for charitable status that might enable us to get more assistance from contractors (e.g. Island Coastal). She will investigate the feasibility of this project.

Chris proposed a project related to the adequacy of culverts in the context of climate change. It was suggested that we might include culverts in other watersheds to give the project a broader scope.

The board endorsed proceeding with applications with both of these projects.

9. Treasurer's report - George reviewed the budget: we are on course with our expenditures and still have additional funding to receive.

10. Watershed Management Planning - We still hope to have a public meeting on Nov.16, if we are able to be prepared by that time and scheduled an additional Board meeting to plan for this session on Friday, Nov. 4, 9:30 am at Grand Tracadie School.

11. Coordinator's report. Bruce reported on his activities, mid September-mid October.

- Hardy's Pond drawdown; more information is needed and vegetation sampling has been carried out.
- Affleck's silt trap was dug and mulched, and hampered by some windy weather.
- Additional information was provided about the internship program.
- A Beaver Management Plan has been submitted and Bruce reviewed meetings about this and suggested changes.
- Bruce reviewed the state of the fish passage below Vessey's.
- Officers and Directors Liability Insurance - an application to the Cooperators was prepared and additional information was sent to Charlie Cooke.

12. Assistant Coordinator's report - Chris reviewed his progress and issue with the preparation of the newsletter. The Board approved expenditure for a software program that would help with this process.

13. Next meeting - November 24, 2011, 7 pm, Grand Tracadie School

14. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.