

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

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**April 8, 2014, 7 – 9 P.M.**

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**Present:**

Ben Hoteling  
Bruce Smith  
Cathy Corrigan  
Don Mazer

John Hughes  
Lowell Vessey  
Sarah Wheatley

1. **Welcome**

The meeting was convened with all board members present.

2. **Review of Minutes from last board meeting**

The minutes from the February were read and circulated again to check if modifications are needed.

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

Lowell contacted Rob Vessey and spoke briefly, but Rob needed to confirm some information before getting back to Lowell. No follow-up call has been received yet.

4. **Report from Chair**

Update on high capacity wells: A couple of days ago the standing committee recommended that the moratorium on high capacity wells not be lifted at this time, pending further consultation. There are more people who want to have input.

Next steps on high capacity well issue. We missed the window of opportunity to send a letter we had drafted to Guardian since a temporary decision has now been made. But maybe we can rework that letter and send it in early summer to bring up the issue of water conservation in our area, which already has lots of high capacity wells. Now that people know what high capacity wells are, we can use that same language when we are talking about our issues. We might involve the coalition into our issue. Table the article for now.

5. **Coordinator's Report**

The coordinator's report was distributed to board members prior to the meeting. We discussed the nutrient management meeting for farmers which had a poor turnout and the logistics of holding another similar meeting and how to get better attendance. Also discussed financial situation and sorting out end of fiscal year issues.

6. **2014 Staffing**

Discussed which staff members wanted to come back for another season and some potential workers that have submitted resumes. Once some decisions come from funding agencies, we may or may not need to advertise to find more suitable workers. Currently it is unclear if we will have more positions available than the number of workers who are already committed to coming back this season.

## 7. **Earth Day Expo**

We will participate in this event organized by the Sierra Club, either by getting a booth for our organization or coordinating with Ramona Doyle and the City of Charlottetown at their booth. Cathy will attend this event for our group.

## 8. **Board Membership**

Two individuals (Scott Stevens and David Thompson) have committed to joining our board for the next year. There are a few others who are considering whether they are able to join, and a couple others we can approach. Our bylaws allow a maximum of 12 board members, so we don't want to ask too many people all at once. It may be useful to have one individual who lives in the City be on the board, or else just volunteer on our committee which deals with City water extraction issues.

## 9. **AGM**

We are contacting Daryl Guignon to be the speaker for our AGM. The event will be in mid to late May.

## 10. **Committee Reports**

### a. Communications

We have drafts for two items in the newsletter and have assigned board members to complete other items. This committee will meet next week to discuss further details, including the work to be completed by a communications consultant we have hired.

### b. Field Work

Planting trees is a major project for us. We should try harder to protect these young trees by using cylinders of wire mesh to protect them. We ordered a lot of this mesh material and stakes to hold it down.

Field work this year will focus on the lower parts of the river – from Officer's Pond and below. We are considering who to ask for some help with recommendations for what we should focus on in this area. Also need to consider what kind of projects we can get permits for in time to complete work this season.

## 11. **Other Business**

The Watershed Alliance meeting is coming up. They asked Bruce to join their board, but he declined since Cathy already volunteers on this board.

Cindy Crane is trying to get volunteers who will look at an area of water at the same time each day. Then they can report immediately when anoxic events start. Kensington North has about 6 people that do this. If we had a similar number of people that would be good. However, there are very few people who live on the section of river that we are most concerned about. Perhaps we just make sure that everyone knows who to report anoxic conditions to, whether they are monitoring on a formal basis or not.

Discussed getting a magnetic sign for Bruce's truck so that the public know when we have a crew at work in the area.

There were questions about low flow shower heads and toilets, which we plan to use in an upcoming campaign.

## 12. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on May 1, 2014 at the Grand Tracadie School 7-9pm.

## 13. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.