

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

Grand Tracadie School
May 1, 2014, 7:00 – 9:30 P.M.

Present:

Bruce Smith
Cathy Corrigan
Don Mazer

John Hughes
Lowell Vessey
Sarah Wheatley

1. **Welcome**

The meeting was convened with a majority of board members present.

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

The minutes from April were read and modified, then accepted.

3. **Business Arising from Minutes**

Lowell reported that Bernie Fitzpatrick has also agreed to join the board, contingent on scheduling of meetings. Bruce mentioned that Rosie MacFarlane and Daryl Guignon have agreed to give suggestions on work priorities for the river this season.

4. **Report from Chair**

Cathy has been working on the newsletter and communications issues lately. She has also decided to step down from the board next year.

Don has agreed to stay on as interim chair of the board should the new board wish, and once the new board is elected at the AGM will help a new chair transition into the role.

5. **Coordinator's Report**

The coordinator's report was distributed to board members prior to the meeting. We discussed staffing issues and trying to figure out how many people we can hire given that many government programs which provide staff haven't announced funding decisions yet.

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Discussed whether we should use some money that is not already earmarked for specific projects for hiring an additional student worker. Other funds will go towards a public relations campaign.

7. **City**

The board voted to send a letter commending the City for its commitment of more money for water meters and its progress in developing the new wellfield in Miltonvale Park.

8. **Other Business**

We will have five people joining the board next year.

Discussed a report from a local resident about an industrial facility which was reportedly the largest user of water in the City.

Discussed our plan for a memorial to Allan MacCormac and now plan to plant a red oak tree in a public space.

We discussed some details for the AGM, and confirmed Darryl Guignon as our speaker, and Corran Ban Hall as the location. Cathy and Don will develop an agenda.

Planned our spring hike for Saturday, June 7 at 1pm meeting at the Suffolk Trail head. Also planned a tree planting event for the next week, June 14 at 10am at the Union Road pumping station property (588 Union Road).

We discussed creating a new committee for increasing membership in the association and recruiting volunteers, and broadening the mandate of the "City" committee to include general issues of water use and water conservation.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on May 22, 2014 at the Grand Tracadie School 7:00-9:00.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.