

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

**Grand Tracadie School**  
**September 19, 2013, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

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**Present:**

Bruce Smith  
Cathy Corrigan  
Don Mazer

John Hughes  
John TeRaa  
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 the August board meeting were read and accepted.

**3. Water Extraction Issues**

- a. John TeRaa, a local resident who has taken on a volunteer project of monitoring conditions in and around the river, came to present some information to the board. He has been recording water levels in several areas such as an unused well, and streams around the Hardy Mill Pond. His data was presented in several interesting formats that allowed for useful comparisons. For example the flow rate of water in the stream measured in litres per second compared to the average flow rate of water being pumped to the City of Charlottetown in the same units. He has also been comparing our river flow to flow data from other areas. The monitoring project will continue and further analysis will be conducted as more data is available.
- b. A meeting has been scheduled for September 24 between representatives from the provincial department of environment, the City of Charlottetown, and our group. We discussed topics that we would like to cover at that meeting and what questions we would like to have answered.

**4. Chair's Report**

- a. Don gave a presentation to the Atlantic chapter of the Sierra Club recently.
- b. We received an email from a resident expressing concern about the water use by cruise ships visiting Charlottetown. Since we didn't have the information to answer many of her questions, we encouraged her to write to the City directly.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

This report was emailed to board members prior to the meeting.

**6. Coordinator's Report**

This report will be submitted to board members soon. Bruce gave a quick summary of recent projects that are underway and will be discussed in the report, such as water quality testing, financial reporting, beaver dams, assessments of trees planted, and the nutrient management project.

**7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be October 17.