

MINUTES
CONEWANGO CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
September 13, 2010

PRESENT:

Directors: Dan Steward, Liz Dropp, Dick Burlingame, Chris Humphrey, and Steve Kimball
Watershed Specialist: Jean Gomory
Members: John Gallagher and Annette Strasser

Dan called the meeting to order at 9:14 am at the Sewer District without a quorum.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chris received a request for donations from WCCD for their building fund. They are having a Fall Festival there to raise awareness and funds. We are displaying. She opened discussion on contributing.

MINUTES: Minutes were discussed and tabled.

Steve arrived at 9:22.

Minutes were reopened. Steve made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Liz seconded. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Liz presented the report ending August 31. She is still awaiting the donation from COT for the Trail brochure, so the balance is low. Memberships monies came in and some donations. Falconer Printing has been paid. Ending balance is \$1,129.56. Savings accounts earned interest. Total funds balance is \$6, 083.55. Dick made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Steve seconded. All were in favor.

UPDATES:

- Capacity Building Grant – The draft report from Peggy was reviewed. Liz thought it contained good suggestions. Dick stated that he did not care for her working of a 'split between Pa and NY.' Chris agreed. John spoke of the need to revisit and update our Mission Statement. Dan agreed. John suggested we form a committee to review suggestions. There was discussion on her recommendation to change the directorship criteria. It was decided to form a subcommittee to review and make recommendations to the full board. Liz and John G. volunteered.

Annette arrived at 10:08.

Since we need to have upcoming elections, Dan offered to be on the nominating committee. Liz also offered and said she would ask Larry to as well. Chris made a motion to continue on to the next phase of the capacity building grant project. Liz seconded. All were in favor.

- Stormwater Management Plan –_no updates. Discussion: several of the Townships that are holding out on adopting the plan could benefit from some educational presentations. We could ask Dan Glotz and offer our services. We should seek out Kim Sherwood when he returns from vacation. We could apply for a convening grant for some funds.
- Hazardous Mitigation Plan – revisit this another time.
- River Trail – Chris shared that she did forward the brochure in CD form to Liz for the CCWA website, to Tom for the Livery web, and to Pa Fish & Boat Commission who has promised to add it to their state website.
- NW Nutrient Management Plan – no new updates.
- Rainbarrel Fundraiser – Jean stated they need more organization and structure to make this a successful ongoing project.

Dick B. left at 10:44

- Raingarden Project – Jean has not received any funding to date.
- Conewango Creek Clean-up – Liz reported the participants expressed their enthusiasm and said they will participate again next year. She figures they had about 110 volunteers on the conservative side. (Some folks never signed in.) They had 7 probation workers who cleaned from shore. She will post a summary to the web. Annette brought up the fact that an open spot for us to talk on the radio was not filled by anyone. Liz offered apologies for her part in that. There was discussion on the newspaper article that appeared. We decided to own our own publicity and asked Annette to write an article.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marcellus Shale drilling – Chris gave updates on several articles appearing in newspapers, one stating that fracturing does not taint nearby drinking water wells, another on a proposed gas severance tax being considered in Harrisburg, and one on brine truck traffic problems in the center of Warren.
- Chautauqua County RC&D submittal for a Model Forestry Climate Solutions Grant – Chris reported that JoAnn sent a letter about the grant they are applying for to develop forest and water strategies that address the impacts of climate change and to protect forest and water resources. A Letter of Support was requested. Chris presented the letter that she and Dan sent.
- Chautauqua Lake draft TMDL for Phosphorus – Chris informed the group that DEC has offered this document for review before finalization. She said she has been working hard on it from the Sewer Districts' standpoint along with the other WWTP's in conjunction with the Chautauqua County Water Quality Task Force. She sent a comment letter to DEC as did the two other sewer districts with some errors and inconsistencies they found and that DEC Albany was planning to attend a WQTF meeting to discuss the plan.
- Annual Meeting – was discussed and tentatively set for November 11th

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 12th at 9:00am at the Sewer District in Celoron. A motion to close the meeting was made by Chris and seconded by Liz at 11:31. All were in favor. Meeting closed.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Humphrey