



**Wood-Pawcatuck Watershed  
Wild and Scenic Rivers Study Committee  
Draft Minutes**

***November 14, 2017***

***7 pm to 9 pm***

***WPA Campus, 203 Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832***

In attendance: Christopher Grube, Sean Henry, Madeline Jeffery, Richard Seager, Dave Prescott, Virginia Wootten, Harrison Gatch, Nils Wiberg, James Leigh, Fred Wagner, Maureen Kennelly, Dick Diamond, Tom McCormick, Denise Poyer

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Presentation

1. No presentation.

Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2017 meeting

Approved unanimously.

Financial Report

1. Denise's report
  - a. As of November 7, 2017 we have expended \$66,307 with the most recent request for reimbursement of \$3,774 made on November 7, 2017.
  - b. On November 6, 2017, Sean Henry approved a total of 91 hours for Denise for the period from Sept. 8 to November 2, 2017 for a total of \$3,431.
  - c. To date for the fiscal year, Denise has worked a total of 1359 hours, totaling \$47,565.00

Old Business

1. NPS Eligibility Report
  - a. The NPS internal review process has sent back some edits to Sarah Bursky. She and Denise will meet on Nov. 16 to discuss the edits. Mostly the document was well received.
2. Outreach activities to towns
  - a. Hopkinton
    - i. Presented to Planning Board. They want to see Stewardship Plan before they issue letter of support.
    - ii. Presenting to Conservation Commission tonight.
    - iii. Will do a presentation to Land Trust next month
  - b. Charlestown

- i. Town Council Presentation by Denise in October
    - ii. Boards and commissions will be scheduled after the New Year
  - c. Richmond
    - i. Presentations to be scheduled for Dec and Jan
  - d. Exeter
  - e. North Kingstown
    - i. Dick will work with Denise to get started
  - f. South Kingstown
  - g. West Greenwich
    - i. Meet with planner – will bring it to Planning Board
    - ii. Will meet with Conservation Commission
    - iii. Working with the Town Manager as to how to present to the town council
  - h. Westerly
    - i. Presenting at the Conservation Commission tonight
    - ii. Working on meeting with the other boards and commissions
  - i. Stonington
    - i. Denise presented to Board of Selectman in October
    - ii. Jim and Fred will start to reach out to the other town boards and commission
  - j. North Stonington
    - i. Three new selectman elected in Nov.
    - ii. Working on setting up a meeting between Inland Wetlands, Planning, and Conservation Commission
  - k. Voluntown
  - l. Sterling
- 3. CT Stewardship meeting was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 at the Eightmile River office in Haddam, CT. In attendance were Eric Thomas from CT DEEP, Pat Young and Tony Irving from Eightmile River, Sarah Bursky and Liz Lacy from NPS, Jim Leigh, Madeline Jeffery and Denise Poyer. See notes attached.
- 4. Stewardship Plan
  - a. Denise developed a matrix that listed the ORVs and what was already in place to protect them at a town, state, federal, and non-profit level.
  - b. Town representatives are asked to meet with their town planners and fill in anything their towns are doing to protect the values that are not already listed.
    - i. They are encouraged to bring forward anything that they think their town is doing exceptionally well.
  - c. The draft outline was discussed was reviewed. Denise discussed having select ORVs developed into side bar stories written by experts. This will add interest to the Plan.

#### New Business

- 1. RIDOT truck toll Environmental Assessment over Wood River – There will be a hearing next Tuesday to discuss the Environmental Assessment. Denise will attend.

#### Subcommittee Reports

- 1. Outreach committee will now be chaired by Jim Leigh.
  - a. They are still working on the poster.

#### Schedule Next Meeting

1. Next meeting will be in Dec.

Adjourn at 8:30 pm

Action Items

Denise:

- Send out updated matrix, send Jim the matrix in word
- Send out sample letter of support
- Send out needtomeet
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Study Committee Members:

- Work with town planners to fill in matrix for your town
- Continue outreach to boards and commissions
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