



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

March 6, 2018

7 pm to 9 pm

WPWA Campus, 203 Arcadia Road, Hope Valley, RI 02832

In attendance: Christopher Grube, Sean Henry, Madeline Jeffery, Richard Seager, Dave Prescott, James Leigh, Fred Wagner, Peter Paton, Denise Poyer, Sarah Bursky, Joe MacAndrew, Tom McCormick, Virginia Wootten, Roy Heaton, Maureen Kennelly, Harrison Gatch

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2018 meeting: Unanimously approved

Financial Report

1. Budget report
 - a. As of March 6, 2018 we have expended \$85,047 of the \$116,000 allotted funds with the most recent requests for reimbursement of \$2887 made on March 6, 2018.
 - b. On March 1, 2018, Sean Henry approved a total of 146 hours for Denise for the period from to January 12 to February 22, 2018 for a total of \$5110.
 - c. To date for the project, Denise has worked a total of 1,689 hours, totaling \$58,555.00
2. New budget for 2018
 - a. Denise presented a budget for the potential \$50,000 to be allocated for 2018. Motion made to approve proposed budget. Passed

Old Business

1. Outreach activities to towns
 - a. Updates from town representatives on outreach efforts
 - i. Stonington – Fred presented to the Shellfish Commission, WPCA, Waterfront Commission, Pawcatuck Harbor Management commission, Stonington Department of Public Works, Planning Department. Concerns about changes to regulations by the Pollution Control Authority and Planning Dept.
Wrote email to Avalonia Conservancy to discuss program with them.
 - ii. Richmond – Pete meet with Conservation Commission. Want to see the Stewardship Plan before they write later of support.

- b. Problems or concerns from towns – It was felt that we need to be able to show what the language of amendment will be. Denise will get a recent amendment from a recently designated W&S River to share with the towns.
 - c. Wrap up this initial outreach to town commissions. Will make more outreach efforts once we have the Stewardship Plan.
 - d. Denise's outreach
2. Stewardship Plan
 - a. Expert consultant for town protection matrix
 - b. Maps –
 - i. Recreation – add marinas, boat ramps, and Pawcatuck Management Area in CT
 - ii. River segments need to be corrected
 - iii. Historic map – symbology is not easy to read. The overlap of circles and colors makes it difficult to understand what is being shown.
 - iv. Protected lands – create a map with separate ownership of property by category, such as federal, state, and private lands.
 - v. Add Habitat types map
 - vi. More explanation for developed and undeveloped in the ¼ mile buffer
 - c. Rivers chapter
 - i. Pawcatuck River – Fred has suggestions to add
 - d. Stewardship Council structure
 - i. Changes were made to the draft document. A new document will be sent to the committee for further discussion at the next meeting.
 3. Media Event scheduled for Monday, May 7 at 11 am
 - a. Get a few maps blown up on easels.
 4. Promotional Activities

Outreach Committee Report

1. Poster is finalized and will be printed by next week.
2. New Fact Sheets were distributed to the committee.
3. Water Words that Work – attended by Sean and Jim. Jim passed out notes from the meeting.

Schedule Next Meeting

1. April 17, 2018

Adjourn at 8:55 pm

To do:

Denise

- Denise will get a recent amendment from a recently designated Partnership Wild and Scenic River to share with the towns.
- Work with Elise to incorporate comments and create new maps
- Send new draft of council structure to study committee
- Send Jim the information about the photo contest and paddles

Committee

- Send Denise suggestions for invites to the Media Event on May 7