



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

July 18, 2017

7 pm to 9 pm

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

In attendance: Christopher Grube, Roy Heaton, Sean Henry, Madeline Jeffery, Richard Seager, Dave Prescott, Joe MacAndrew, Fred Wagner, Virginia Wootten, Peter Paton, Richard Diamond, Nils Wiberg, James Leigh, Jamie Fosburgh, Denise Poyer, Sarah Bursky,
Not yet appointed: Harrison Gatch

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Presentation

1. none

Approval of Minutes of June 1, 2017 meeting

Approved unanimously.

Financial Report

1. Denise's report
 - a. As of July 18, 2017 we have expended \$56,926.11 with the most recent request for reimbursement of \$5,331.70 made on July 18, 2017.
 - b. On July 14, 2017, Sean Henry approved a total of 128 hours for Denise for the period from May 4 to July 14, 2017 for a total of \$4,480.00
 - c. To date for the fiscal year, Denise has worked a total of 1128 hours, totaling \$39,480.00
2. The request for the next \$60,000 budget has been approved and added to the total budget.

Old Business

1. Outreach activities to towns
 - a. Outreach Committee has completed the Facts sheet and provided examples to the committee. Corrections and suggestions for the text were made and the text finalized. Denise will have them printed and available for next meeting.
 - b. The draft Power Point presentation was shown to the committee. Several suggestions for improvements were made. Denise will send an edited version out to the committee for further comments.
 - c. The Outreach materials will be finalized in August.

- d. Committee will start scheduling town committee meetings in Sept.
 - e. AV equipment will be discussed at the next meeting.
 - f. Denise is still waiting to hear from Stonington to schedule a meeting.
2. Videos – Shed Light Studios has nearly completed the first video, which was shown to the committee. Four more are in production: local artists, family farmers, Narragansett Indian, and dragonfly expert. We will wait to distribute them until next spring, closer to the time we want the towns to vote to support designation.
 - a. The committee suggested we show one of the videos before we do the power point presentation.
3. NPS Report
 - a. Sarah and Denise have worked out the draft of the “Eligibility” portion of the report. Jim Leigh and Sean Henry agreed to review it. Jamie said it is pretty complete and ready for review by NPS.
4. Stewardship Plan
 - a. Denise has scheduled a Summit for Wed, July 26 at WPWA. She anticipates up to 15 attendees from state and town agencies. NPS will moderate the discussion.
 - i. They will share what is already available for plans, such as State Wildlife Action Plan, Outdoor Recreation Plan, Forestry Management Plans, and town Comprehensive Plans, which may pertain to protecting the ORVs of the rivers.
 - ii. From this summit we hope to develop a framework for the committee to use to write the Stewardship Plan.

New Business

1. Restructuring the subcommittees
 - a. Discussion started on how to restructure the subcommittees based on what is needed to do the Stewardship Plan. This will be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.
2. Shannock Village Presentation – tabled to next meeting.
3. Nils Wiberg will lead a tour of the dam projects on the Pawcatuck River. It was suggested that we schedule this for the same day as the next Study Committee meeting in August.

Subcommittee Reports

1. Outreach committee is still working on the poster. They asked the committee to think about where these will be used.

Schedule Next Meeting

1. Hold meeting in August. Denise will send out NeedtoMeet link.

Adjourn at 8:35 pm