

## DRWA Meeting Minutes

December 15, 2009 7:00-9:09 PM

Attending: Ted Merrill, Robert May, Johanna Castilla, Peter Buell, Michael Cole, Françoise Walk, Polly Bartlett, Pat Serrentino, Terry Atkinson and David Boles

November 2009 Minutes were approved.

**Green River, Blue Planet-** Terry Atkinson came to talk for the first fifteen minutes about the outcome of her work that DRWA funded. Fourth and Fifth Graders took two educational geology trips, one through the bike path and another to the Great Falls Discovery Center. She would like to do the same work with six and seventh graders, incorporating information on climate change. She demonstrated through journal excerpts on the effectiveness of hands on learning and being in nature.

### **Election of Officers-**

Françoise Walk-President

Robert May-Vice President

Dina Kail-Secretary

Ted Merrill-Treasurer

Laura Timmerman- is our new bookkeeper. She can be contacted at [laurat@crocker.com](mailto:laurat@crocker.com)

**Letter to TransCanada-** letter created to encourage and remind them of their responsibility to maintain the trail where it intersects their land. At the last Mahican/Mohawk Council Meeting Matt Cole from TransCanada was there. He expressed that TransCanada will maintain its portion of the trail as well as speak to a farmer that has posted many unsightly and unwelcoming signs due to people dumping on or near his land. One of his pastures does border a part of the trail. TransCanada will ask him to not post so close to the trail. TransCanada is responsible for the area from Bardwell's Ferry to Stillwater. The letter will be sent to Nathalie Blais, DCR, and Larry Garland.

**Update on Lab-** Construction begins in January in the front entry way of CRWC. Construction anticipated to be done by the spring.

**Green River Monitoring for Dam Removal-** Second year of bug sampling is done. MDF spent four days electrofishing fish. Good baseline data was established. Three months of data, impounded and non-impounded, has been established. DEP also came out and deployed dissolved oxygen data loggers. This project is moving ahead.

**Budget-** DRWA has \$28,675.84 in the bank. \$10,729 is in CDs. \$17,945.92 is in the checking account. We reviewed the budget and noticed that DRWA this year has overspent income by \$5363.94. DRWA has and is invested in worthwhile and necessary projects, and we will need in the future to figure out ways of accruing revenue or cutting costs.

**Plan for 2009/2010-** We went over to see if we met goals for 2009, and the plan for 2010 will be posted by Francoise sometime in January.

**Vernal Pools-** Many volunteers sign up for the training and are certified, but lack follow through. Certification guidelines have also changed. Pat will try a couple new strategies this year.

**Newsletter-** Mailing April First 2010. Members/ people of interest will have an electronic or paper option or both. The electronic will include color graphics. It could also be easily forwarded via email.

**Next Meeting-** 7:00 PM January 19<sup>th</sup> at **CRWC** (please note location) in Greenfield