

NEWSLETTER

**TOPICS DISCUSSED
LAST MEETING**

Picture Logo for HCWA

Membership Dues

Mission Statement

*Grow Greener Grant
Application*

**Special Points Of
Interest For Next
Meeting**

- Office of Surface Mining, Dave Philbin will talk about Exeter's mine fire and will answer any questions
- EPCAMR's Robert Hughes will present HCWA with an award for a Regional Watershed Support Initiative (RWSI) "start up" Grant.

**TOPICS DISCUSSED AT
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The picture logo identifying HCWA is a walking staff (in the foreground) touching the ground and becoming a creek with trees. It has been adopted by the HCWA and will be developed by Rino Media at a discounted price. The logo will be used in this newsletter, on all letterhead and on the brochures to be developed.

At the last meeting it was agreed upon to have membership dues as follows: \$5 individual, \$10 family and \$100 life time membership. If you have any questions please call Karen Szwasz at 6540933.

The Mission Statement developed is as follows: Hicks Creek Watershed Association's Mission is to restore and protect Hicks Creek Watershed through a stream side buffer system along the creek; encouraging better land use practices; educating the public about best management practices for sediment and pollution control; and assessing the impacts of

**HICKS CREEK
WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING**



HELP PROTECT HICKS CREEK WATERSHED

abandoned mine land within the watershed.

HCWA's long term goal is to promote the environmental integrity of Hicks Creek Watershed, including restoring Hicks Creek to a flowing creek and ensure the proper pumping capability to prevent flooding where the creek flows into the Susquehanna River.

The short term goals are to raise awareness of the Hicks Creek Watershed, increase membership of the HCWA especially within the local businesses, design a HCWA project brochure, establish a nonprofit status, educational field trips for local

schools and Scout Troops, water quality monitoring and accomplish a pilot stream bank riparian buffer in a highly visible area with signage.

DEP Grow Greener Grant Application for a Hicks Creek Watershed assessment was submitted. The assessment is a professional engineering study of the watershed, its problems and steps to resolve those problems. The objectives and goals of the assessment will result in the development of a restoration plan that can be accomplished. The requested grant total is \$46,440.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18 AT 7:00PM AT EXETER SCOUT & COMMUNITY CENTER, CORNER OF LINCOLN AND WYOMING AVE.

Many residents have been asking me questions about the mine fire in Exeter Borough. I contacted Dave Philbin from Office of Surface Mining and he agreed to come to the next HCWA meeting to discuss issues about mine fires and answer any questions residents may have. If you know

of anyone concerned, please invite them to the next meeting, Monday, February 18 at 7PM.

I hope all the HCWA members receiving this new letter make a special effort attend this next meeting.

Robert Hughes from the Eastern PA Coalition for

Abandoned Mine Reclamation (EPCAMR) will announce RWSI Grant award to HCWA. **This is the first grant HCWA has received and it is important for the HCWA members to give a good showing for award!**

This grant will be used for organization support, watershed field tours, public

education outreach within school districts, water quality monitoring, production of a new color brochure about the HCWA mission, activities and accomplishments.