



TOPICS DISCUSSED

Wilkes University Senior Project HC Watershed mapping

Annie Jobson is voted Vice President

Attorney Joe Castellino is establishing HCWA non-profit

Need nominations for Board of Directors

HCWA By-Laws are passed

Special Points Of

Interest For Next

Meeting

- Jake Kernoshak & Dave Lambert from DEP Bureau of Waterways, Harrisburg will explain the new flood protection project between Slocum and Schooley Avenues.
- Robert Hughes from EPCAMR will award HCWA \$1,520 RWSI Grant.

TOPICS DISCUSSED AT HICKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING

Dave Ruskey is President and Karen Szwest is Secretary/Treasurer. Tom Barnard resigned as Vice President, but continues to work closely with Hicks Creek Watershed. Annie Jobson was elected Vice President at the March meeting. Carol Seltzer is on the Board of Directors as well as the above mentioned officers.

In order to obtain our non-profit status and incorporate, HCWA needs minimum of 5 Board of Directors. We are one director short. Responsibilities of the board are to vote on HCWA business and contract for services. Board of Directors Meetings will be held 4 times a year. Anyone interested in serving on the Board, please call Karen Szwest 654-0933. There was no response to the last request for nominations to the board. It is imperative we fill the board seats in order to continue to operate and to serve the public.

Many land owners, especially those along the creek, want to see actions taken to

better their environment. We have formed HCWA as a response to this need. Now we need your help to progress. Please consider being a nominee for the Board of Directors.

Attorney Joe Castellino was hired to file HCWA's non-profit status and incorporation. Part of his service is pro bono.

The Hicks Creek Watershed By-Laws have been adopted and may be seen upon request.

This year HCWA will be sponsoring a stream bank restoration project along Schooley Ave. above Slocum Ave. at Shimko residents. We will restore the embankment in front of her home by placing 60 two foot stone (riprap) in two rows along the base of the bank. We will back fill the area behind the stone with dirt, use matting to hold the bank and do vegetation plantings. I am currently working on securing a company to assist with the placement of the riprap. I expect to be

needing volunteers to help place dirt and plantings in October.

A Geographical Information System (GIS) database has been prepared for HCWA by students at Wilkes University. A GIS is a tool used for collecting, managing analyzing and displaying spatial (map) data. The GIS is the starting point for the watershed assessment that is being conducted. This summer HCWA members will be collecting and mapping data on stormwater management structures and other features that impact flow and water quality in Hicks Creek. It will be managed with software from ESRI that was purchased with a grant. As maps are produced, they will be displayed to the public.

We would like to send you the HCWA Brochure. To those receiving the newsletter by email, please send me your addresses so that I can send you one.

Any questions or comments, please contact Karen Szwest at 654-0933. kszwest@cs.com

NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21 AT 7:00PM AT EXETER BOROUGH MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1101 WYOMING AVE.

There will be two guest speakers, Jake Kernoshak and Dave Lambert from Department of Environmental Protection in Harrisburg, the Bureau of Waterways Division, Flood Protection. They will explain the purpose of the million dollar Flood Protection Project.

Construction began last year along Hicks Creek above Slocum Avenue, in the Four Seasons Golf Course and upstream of Schooley Avenue. Many residents have asked questions about the purpose of the basins and how the project will enhance flood protection in Exeter Borough. As a water-

shed organization we are also interested in how we the residents can help maintain and ensure the proper working order of the project. Please keep in mind these officials are coming here to help us learn.

The grant will enable HCWA to purchase and develop a table top display to

take to events to raise public awareness about the watershed, produce 6 educational newsletters, purchase film, developing, paper, ink, post office box, domain name to host HCWA website, GPS unit and upgrade to ArcView 8.2 GIS with training for two.