



### Topics Discussed

- Tom Barnard is elected HCWA President
- COALS Presentation by DEP Steven Bartos
- Discuss flooding concerns

### How to Contact Us

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### Points for Next Mtg

- Cleanup volunteers needed
- Organize Cleanup and request donations for food and refreshments
- Flood Damage Survey volunteers needed
- Review progress of grants
- Sign Incorporation Papers

## TOPICS DISCUSSED AT HICKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION MEETING

Hicks Creek Watershed Association (HCWA) reviewed flooding issues with residents in attendance.

Tom Barnard was elected HCWA President. We welcome his experience and leadership qualities.

Only 5 HCWA flood damage surveys have been returned. It is very important to fill out the survey in order to assist with acquisition of the pumps. If you need a survey, you can pick one up at the Exeter Borough Building or call 654-0933. If you had flood damage please complete and drop off at the mailbox to the right of the Exeter Borough Building's front door, 1101 Wyoming Avenue, Exeter.

No one has volunteered to deliver surveys door to door. Over 100 residents came to the council meeting to complain of flooding in their homes and demand action. This is your chance to take action to help yourselves. It takes everyone's help to accomplish our goals of keeping Exeter free from flooding. Please consider helping and call 654-0933.

Steve Bartos, a representative of DEP gave a presentation about the Cleanup Our Anthracite Lands and Streams (COALS) Program. Aaron Szwast is organizing a cleanup in Hicks Creek Watershed on Saturday October 21, with a rain date of November 4.

*I am Aaron Szwast a senior at Wyoming Area. As my senior project I will be organizing a cleanup in the fields behind Saint Cecilia's Church. This area has been a dumping ground for many years. The site has tires, furniture, appliances and building materials dumped illegally.*

*I am requesting volunteers to assist with the cleanup on October 21, rain date November 4. If you are interested please contact me at 654-0933 or [kszwast@adelphia.net](mailto:kszwast@adelphia.net).*

Exeter Borough received delivery of the twin track vehicles used for vegetation control, purchased through the \$65,000 DEP Growing Greener Flood Protection Grant.

Hicks Creek Watershed Association Members:

**Please come to an award ceremony on Thursday, August 31 at 2:00 PM at the upper flood debris basin on Slocum Avenue.** (If you are coming up Schooley Ave. to the back road, turn left and it is just down the road across from the entrance of the Four Seasons Golf Course.) We need your show of support!

Exeter Borough has received a flood protection grant from DEP for a flap gate culvert at Carpenters Creek tributary and access ramps into Hicks Creek. Secretary McGinty of DEP will be honoring us with a visit to make the announcement.

We would like a show of support from all of the watershed members that can attend. This is an important step towards making our town safer from flooding and is worthy of your support.

If there are any questions contact me at 654-0933.

**NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER AT 11PM  
AT 7:00 PM**

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