**Herring Pond Watershed Association Education Committee Meeting**

Minutes from 10/13/20 Meeting

**Attendees:** Jen Yaeger, Lee Poulis, Geri Williams, Melissa Ferretti, Phil Angell

* Discussion of Education Committee’s mission and long term goals
	+ Inform and educate people about the watershed, **how to be good stewards**, how to change behavior so we are good stewards of the HPW and the environment in general
	+ Better understand the aboriginal lands on which we live and ways to continue to take care of it
	+ Provide educational opportunities for children so that they care about the environment, become invested in taking care of it, and know the actions to take that will make a difference
* Discussion of past work of the Education Committee that should be continued
	+ Herring Festival activities for kids
	+ HPWA guide and post-cards
	+ “Herring Woman” and “Litter Lady”
	+ Connections with local schools, particularly interns from Rising Tide and Grade 3 classrooms in Plymouth Public Schools
* Discussion of Creation of Instructional Resources for Use in Local Schools
	+ Jen shared the outcome of her discussion with Alison Riordan, Science Coordinator for Plymouth Public Schools on ways that HPWA may be able to support teachers and students during this time of remote and hybrid learning. Alison explained that there is a new science curriculum that has been adopted in Plymouth (at the elementary and middle school levels) and discussed ways that a community connection could naturally fit within what teachers are already doing (rather than offering “one more thing” that teachers may not be able to wrap their heads around at this time). For example, 3-5 minute video clips that could be shown during school (such as mini Public Service Announcements with a “Did You Know?” format or quick clips for students for students during remote learning about local environmental issues).
		- The committee seemed interested in creating some of these video clips as it would not only support the mission of our work, but continue to educate adults about the HPWA and our work.
		- We had a great brainstorm about possible topics for these video clips. Jen will be following up with dates for a November meeting to make a final list of video topics that would be the most valuable/engaging to tackle and then the committee will create a plan for tackling them.
		- The committee will reach out to the BOD to see if others on the committee might be interested in participating.
* Other Business: I received word that both Martha Sheldon and Linda White will no longer be able to serve on the Education Committee. Lee Poulis should, however, be included in the names of committee members.