

TOWN OF WAYNESVILLE
WATERSHED ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 16, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.
TOWN HALL

The Watershed Committee of the Town of Waynesville held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2008, in the Waynesville Town Hall. Members present included Pat Maier, Bill Skelton, Jack Swanner, Bill Yarborough and Karen Kaufman. Also present were Dr. Peter Bates, representative of Western Carolina University which is under contract with the Town to perform the Forestry Management Plan, Rob Lamb, who is working with Dr. Bates, Lee Galloway, Town Manager and Alison Melnikova, Assistant to the Town Manager.

The meeting opened with a discussion about the Watershed Forums which are scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2008, from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 15, 2008, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Ms. Melnikova reported that announcements of the forums have been distributed to the news media and posted on the Town's web site and noted in the Town's quarterly newsletter. Dr. Peter Bates explained that at the forums, it was his intention to have copies of the Stewardship Plan available for public review and comment and to have an Executive Summary available for any citizen interested in a copy. There would be a number of large maps posted showing the watershed, the different forest areas, water sources, buffer areas and other information. Dr. Bates noted that there are still some peer review comments to be received and that these would be analyzed and some changes likely made to the final document.

The group discussed the survey which had been prepared by Ms. Melnikova and Dr. Bates with input from Mr. Lamb. Comments may be made on the survey form or accepted on the web site of the Town. The nature of the questions that might be included in the survey was discussed, and there was general agreement that a respondent to the survey should be asked whether they had actually read the Stewardship Plan or were just sending in a response without reading the document.

Once the forums have been held and the comments from peer review have been factored into the Plan, the Final Draft will be presented to the Town Board for their consideration and approval. The Town Manager estimated that such action by the Town Board might come in September; however, he indicated that the Town Board would like to have a joint meeting with the Watershed Advisory Board in the watershed to discuss the Plan and the proposal for treatments which are called for in the Plan. It was agreed to try and have such a meeting in the latter part of August if schedules will allow.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

A. Lee Galloway, Town Manager