

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #14
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
Suite 360
100 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

July 11, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

Members Present

Michael Trainque, Chester
Wally Fries, Danville
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls
Mike Kappler, Raymond

Alison Watts, Newfields
Dean Peschel, Dover
Michael Perfit, Stratham
Richard Snow, Candia

Guests Present

Bill Hounsel, Hounsell Consulting/CDM Inc.

Call to Order and Introductions

Michael Trainque called the meeting to order at 1:37 PM.

Approve Minutes

Dick Snow moved to approve the minutes as presented with a minor typographical correction. Seconded by Wally Fries. The minutes were unanimously approved as corrected without objection.

Reports of Committees

Program Development

Michael Trainque reported from the Program Development Committee. The next symposium is tentatively scheduled for October 18th. The topic for discussion is precisely what elements should be included in a holistic watershed plan. The sub-committee will continue with bi-weekly telephone conference calls to continue planning.

Alison reported that she did submit a funding request to DES for \$28,000.

There was some discussion around matching funds. Purchasing conservation land and easements is often appropriate to improve the quality of the waters for the Coastal Watershed. If communities do not plan to use the match themselves, is it possible for them to allow us to claim the match.

Education & Outreach

Candace Dolan reported for the Education & Outreach Committee. There was some discussion of the Lampry River Advisory Committee and the Lampry River Watershed Association. It might be appropriate for us to present at their next meeting as the Lampry River Watershed is a significant sub-watershed of the Great Bay Watershed. There is also a meeting of the Squamscott River Advisory Committee in August that we should attend.

There should be significant collaboration between SWA and all the sub-watershed advisory committees.

Finance Committee

Dick Snow reported for the Finance Committee. He will follow up with Joe Lovejoy and develop a list of recommended resolutions for financial controls. Additionally, citing the actual code from the IRS regulations that covers our tax free status would be helpful for fund raising.

Watershed Action Committee

Alison Watts reported for the Watershed Action Committee. Many groups are preparing 319 proposals for funding various projects around the Coastal Watershed, particularly PREP and ERLAC. The Storm Water Center is proposing to implement best management practices for bio-retention for a number of communities. Paul Stacy from NEERS is writing a proposal to identify management options to address non-point sources.

Alison Watts is writing a proposal for building community support for improving water quality in the Coastal Watershed.

The Watershed Development Plan being developed by the Watershed Action Committee should include a request for help from the EPA. The 319 proposal is only a part of the complete plan.

New Business

Letter to Lisa Jackson

Michael Trainque brought a draft of the letter to Lisa Jackson of the EPA. There was some discussion around suggested improvements that should be made. Wally suggested that when the letter is put in the mail, he would contact the senators' staffs. Dean Peschel will follow up with Representative Guinta's staff.

Michael Perfit moved that Michael Trainque complete the revisions to the letter and send it out. Dick Snow seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Next Meeting Date

The consensus of the board is that our next meeting will be on August 8th at 1:30 PM.

Other Business

Michael Perfit reported that the next Alliance meeting is on August 3 and the location will be the Brentwood Community Center. There was some discussion about potential presentations at the Alliance meeting. One possibility is that Rob Roseen could report on the financial tradeoffs around implementing green infrastructure. Alison will follow up with him on his availability. Dean Peschel agreed to talk about what the Coalition is doing to sample water quality in the Squamscot River.

Michael Perfit will send an email reminder out to our email list to remind them of the meeting as soon as we have confirmation from the speakers.

Adjournment

Mike Kappler moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Candace Dolan and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 3:48 PM.