

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #15
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
Suite 360
100 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

August 8, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

Members Present

Michael Trainque, Chester
Wally Fries, Danville
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls

James Irish, Madbury
Richard Snow, Candia
Michael Perfit, Stratham

Guests Present

Bill Hounsel, Hounsell Consulting/CDM Inc.
Steve Couture, NHDES Coastal Program

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 Candace Dolan. The minutes were unanimously approved with minor typographical changes without objection.

Reports of Committees

Program Development

Michael Trainque reported from the Program Development Committee. The symposium is scheduled for October 18. Conference calls for planning the symposium will be starting in a couple of weeks. The goal is to continue working towards a watershed wide management plan. Topics will include the various elements that make up such a plan such as impervious serfaces, septic systems, lawn maintenance and agriculture.

During discussion it was suggested that the symposium should include non-technical aspects. In addition, DES should have their non-point source analysis completed by mid-October and that it might be worthy of discussion at the symposium.

Education & Outreach

Candace Dolan reported that she has filed the pre-proposal application for watershed restoration grants for impaired waters. She also reported that we may have an opportunity to apply for a grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The project might be to train people on rain garden development in the Exeter/Squamscott area. The idea is that the people trained here, would return to there communities and train others.

There was some discussion of other groups that might be helpful to us such as the conservation commissions who could help identify sites and 4H clubs who have outreach programs.

Finance Committee

Dick Snow reported for the Finance Committee. We still have no income or expenses although our grant request is moving ahead. One requirement to receive the grant is that we register as a vendor with the state of New Hampshire. Another requirement was that we would have insurance such as workmans' compensation before we hire any employees. Michael Trainque will follow up these issues.

New Business

Next Meeting Date

The consensus of the board is that our next meeting will be on September 12th at 1:30 PM.

Other Business

Steve Couture is looking to gather data from each of the member communities on how many of their residents are using septic systems and how many are using sewers and waste water treatment facilities. Discussion included suggesting the Metcalf and Eddy report had gathered a lot of this data only five years ago. If necessary, he may need to request information directly from the communities. If so, he asks each representative to help his or her community respond.

There was also some discussion about generating ideas for a logo design for the Alliance. Michael Perfit will solicit ideas from the members of the Alliance.

Adjournment

Wally Fries moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Candace Dolan and approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned without objection at 4:12 PM.