

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Meeting # 21  
Hoyle Tanner & Associates  
Suite 360  
100 International Drive  
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

**Minutes**

February 13, 2012 @ 1:30 PM

**Members Present**

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

Michael Perfit, Stratham  
Richard Snow, Candia

**Guests Present**

Bill Arcieri, Newmarket  
Judith Spang, NH House Representative  
Shawna Fournier, Alliance Administrative Assistant  
Stephen Coulture, NHDES Coastal Program Manager  
Peter Goodwin, W & C

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Michael Trainque called the meeting to order at 1:47 PM.

Michael Trainque introduced Shawna Founier, the part-time Administrative Assistant for the Alliance.

**Discussion**

Owing to the lack of a quorum of the committee members present, the members and guests engaged in an informal discussion on a wide range of topics. A significant topic was funding the Alliance. The consensus of the group was that funding needs to be a priority or it will never happen. In addition to the usual sources of funds such as the Department of Agriculture, the Corp of Engineers, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), we should consider applying to Pew Charitable Trusts and similar NGO's. There was also significant discussion about HB 1501—Money to upgrade Water Treatment Plants. The bill is likely to be referred for interim study. This would give us an opportunity to help shape the legislation over the next few months. The group also discussed some of the possible mechanisms for accomplishing this such as the State Revolving Loan Program, Benefit Assessments, or State Aid Program for Communities to Upgrade their wastewater treatment facilities.

Another topic of discussion is NHDES Coastal Program's, Riptide E-Info Newsletter. This is a subscription only newsletter emailed out every other week. It consists of hyperlinks of news, grant announcements, as well as new resources, publications, and upcoming training and webinars. The consensus of the group was that the Alliance should cooperate and encourage them to link to Alliance activities.

## **New Business**

### **Housekeeping**

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be on March 12, 2012 at 1:30 PM.

### **Announcements**

The City of Dover will be holding a public meeting on the draft permit. This opens the 30-day public comment period.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 PM.