

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Meeting # 23  
Hoyle Tanner & Associates  
Suite 360  
100 International Drive  
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

**Minutes**

April 9, 2012 @ 1:30 PM

**Members Present**

Michael Trainque, Chester  
Dean Peschel, Dover  
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls

Michael Perfit, Stratham  
Richard Snow, Candia  
Alison Watts, Newfields

**Guests Present**

William Hounsell, CDM Smith  
Julie LaBranch, RPC  
Judith Spang, NH House Representative

James Houle, UNHSC  
Sally Soule, NH DES

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Michael Trainque called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM. Each person around the table introduced himself.

**Approve Minutes**

Dick Snow moved to accept the minutes of March 12, 2012 with a minor typographical change. Alison Watts seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

There was no objection to changing the order of business so that we could discuss the draft model storm water standards.

**Grants Management**

Michael Trainque reported that he signed the agreement with the Rockingham Planning Commission to develop model storm water standards under Grant #1.

Julie LaBranch and Jamie Houle presented their draft framework and solicited feedback from the board members and guests. Our goal is to have consistent and scientifically based standards that our member communities can adopt.

Significant discussion revolved around the differences between site planning regulations and ordinances. The board also discussed the need to track directly

connected impervious covers as well as the need for quantified improvement. The consensus was that whenever possible we should use EPA methodologies and get credit from them. Again, we want to stay focused on small, achievable, economical, and quantifiable load reductions.

Additional discussion revolved around outreach and how PREP might help.

The final topic on was on the procedure to adopt these model storm water standards. The consensus was that Julie LaBranch would revise her last draft to incorporate the feedback she received. She would then email out her latest revision to the board members and make a second set of revisions prior to May 3, 2012. Michael Perfit will post this latest draft on the website and include the link in the reminder email that goes out several days prior to the Alliance meeting in May. Additional feedback will be gathered at that meeting and over the summer. Julie LaBranch will present the final revised draft at the following Alliance meeting.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Program Development Committee**

Michael Trainque reported that he had reached out to the Salmon Falls Watershed Collaborative and introduced Sally Soule who serves their (in addition to her job at DES). She talked about their project to develop a watershed action plan for drinking water protection. 319 grants are available to address impaired waters. She suggested that funds were more likely to be available to develop plans on scales smaller than Great Bay. The River Advisory committees really become a critical part of developing these plans.

The consensus was that our next symposium should pull together all the advisory committees and discuss what they have done, what they want to do, what they need (such as funding and analysis of resources) and lessons learned. It was agreed that the symposium should be a topic at the next full Alliance meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Housekeeping**

Michael Trainque reported that he is following up Dave Murphy on our first disbursement request.

The board briefly discussed the possibility of sharing an intern with DES as a potential alternative to hiring an administrative assistant. The consensus was that we should talk with DES about how we might cooperate.

There was some discussion about the practice of charging overhead surcharges on grants. Dean Peschel moved that SWA institute a policy that we do not pay administrative overhead charges on subcontracted grants. Candace Dolan seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Planning for Annual Alliance Meeting and Elections**

Michael Trainque reported that Oaksen Corp. was available to present on their drip dispersal system. The consensus of the board was that with annual elections, the next symposium, and the anticipated discussion of the model stormwater standards would consume the available time.

Michael Perfit agreed to send out a “save the date” email to the members and friends of the Alliance to remind them of the May meeting and elections. Michael also agreed to send out a solicitation of interest to the members about serving on the Board of Directors.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be on May 7, 2012 at 1:30 PM.

### **Adjournment**

Candace Dolan moved to adjourn. Alison Watts seconded the motion which was approved without objection. The meeting adjourned at 4:14 PM.