

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #3
Great Bay Community College
320 Corporate Drive
Suite 125
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

August 19, 2010 @ 9:00 AM

Members Present

Richard Snow, Candia
Wally Fries, Danville
Michael Perfit, Stratham
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls
Michael Trainque, Chester

L. Mike Kappler, Raymond
Dean Peschel, Dover
Jim Irish, Madbury

Guests Present

Chris Albert, Epping
Bob Scherpf

Bill Hounsell

Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Approve Minutes

Richard Snow moved to adopt the minutes. Seconded by Jim Irish. Approved unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Michael Perfit distributed an initial draft of the Strategic Plan and asked for members of the Board of Directors to write up various sections. Chris Albert agreed to write up the section on contaminates. Dean Peschel, Chris Albert, and Jim Irish agreed to work on the section about identifying deficiencies in the scientific data required for taking action. They will enlist the help of Peter Rice. Michael Trainque, who serves on the Storm Water Commission, agreed to write up the section on Storm Water Issues. Wally Fries will work with Dr. Richard Langan to develop the section on Bio-extraction. Dean Peschel also agreed to work up the section on Land Conservation.

The Strategic Plan should include an Appendix of all the existing organizations with interests similar to the Alliance or related to the watershed and the general

focus or purpose of their activities. A first draft of this list was presented. Chris Albert offered to review the draft and update it as required.

Dean Peschel, reported for the Program Development Committee. They are working to develop an all-day Symposium to address problems, solutions, and requirements within the watershed. They talked about inviting Rich Langan, Steve Jones, Fred Short, and others. There was talk about having a poster session so that additional researchers could shared their knowledge. They still need to do additional work to identify topics, invitees, and an appropriate venue.

The Massachusetts Coalition for Water Resources Stewardship was pointed out as an organization that is attempting to deal with issues that are similar to our own. It was suggested that we might have something to learn from them.

New Business

Housekeeping

Michael Trainque is continuing to work on donated office space for the Alliance.

Wally Fries is working on donated computers for the Alliance.

Wally Fries reported that Director's and Officer's insurance for the Alliance is available for about \$600 to \$800 per year and that it should be included in the budget.

Michael Perfit reported that he, Candace Dolan, Wally Fries, and Chris Albert attended an In-Pipe Technologies meetings this week and distributed some of their promotional literature and business cards. They have a interesting business proposition for those towns that already do secondary treatment but there remains some skepticism about the genuine efficacy of their service. Dean Peschel agreed to call the people in Plymouth, MA who use their service and ask them how it works for them.

Dick Snow reminded all of us that we should be tracking our time and mileage for eventual grant matching purposes.

Candace Dolan moved that we ask Michael Kappler to introduce a bill to the legislature to remove the words "particularly with respect to nutrient pollution" from RSA 485-E: 2b. Michael Perfit seconded. Discussion was that we need to address issues beyond particular nutrients and that the broader scope is appropriate. The motion was approved unanimously.

Stratgic Plans and Priorities

Wally Fries suggested that we host a wiki in cooperation with EPA. It appears that EPA did something similar in Puget Sound. Discussion was that a wiki should help improve collaboration. Michael Perfit agreed to set up a small internal wiki as a pilot test and report on the issues.

Wally suggested that we assign “ambassadorial/liaison” teams from the Alliance to maintain regular communications with federal and state agencies and other organizations in the watershed. The organizations that would be the object of these efforts would include the following:

Federal Agencies (ACOE, EPA, NOAA),
State Agencies (in addition to those on the Advisory Committee e.g., DAMA),
US congressional and NH legislative offices and committees,
other organizations that are with which a cooperative relationship is mutually beneficial,
municipalities who share interests with the Alliance.

The Advisory Committee will be asked to take on the task or suggest the means of best keeping their respective agencies/organizations informed of Alliance activities and needs. Board of Director members are requested to contact Wally Fries with respect to any thoughts as to the foregoing and either volunteer or suggest individuals to take on the tasks of being the “ambassadors” to the various organizations.

Assign near-term Tasks to Committees

There was some discussion of the possibility of creating a technical consultation group as an adjunct to the Advisory Committee. The sense of the Board is that we don't want to create more committees at the time, but we should encourage communication with experts in the field when needed.

Requested Support for Nominations for NH Rivers Management and Protection Program

Mike Kappler, moved that the Alliance send letters of support for the nominations of parts of the Exeter, Lamprey, and Oyster Rivers to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program based upon all the affected municipalities either supporting or having no objections. Dick Snow seconded. The motion was approved without objection.

Next Meeting Date

The next Alliance Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 16th at 9:00 AM. The location will be announced later.

Adjournment

Michael Perfit moved to adjourn. Michael Trainque seconded. Approved unanimously. Adjourned at 11:38 AM.