

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting # 32
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
Suite 360, 100 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

February 13, 2013 @ 1:30 PM

Members Present

Michael Trainque, Chester	Richard Snow, Candia
Wally Fries, Danville	Alison Watts, Newfields
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls	Bill Arcieri, Newmarket
Michael Perfit, Stratham	George Rief, Durham

Guests Present

Dave Murphy, DES—Coastal Program
Bill Hounsel, CDM Smith

Call to Order and Introductions

Michael Trainque called the meeting to order at 1:38 PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Dick Snow moved to accept the minutes as presented. Alison Watts seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Program Development

Sally Soule from DES is sponsoring a workshop on removing nitrogen from stormwater. All the methods of dealing with stormwater are not the same in terms of nitrogen removal. This workshop will likely happen in March or April.

The group discussed having PREP present their latest State of the Estuaries Report at a special meeting of the Alliance. Michael Trainque will follow up with Rachel.

There was some discussion of the full Alliance meeting last week. It appeared that holding the meeting in Northwood attracted some people who don't generally attend our meetings when they are held in Newington or Brentwood. The consensus seemed to be that we should continue to move the meeting location around the watershed. We should also consider presentations that are more applicable to the upstream communities. Perhaps a discussion of MS4 requirements.

There was also some discussion of the desirability of having a circuit rider and the

need to fund it. Perhaps this could be better met by leveraging the regional planning commissions.

Education & Outreach

Candace Dolan reported for Education and Outreach. Friday, May 3, there will be a full day rain garden workshop. The audience would be master gardeners, garden clubs, and the conservation commissions.

There was some discussion about the role that engineering firms can plan in addressing stormwater and illicit discharges. Perhaps some process for certifying engineering firms.

Fertilizers were also discussed. This might be a good topic for when we have an Alliance meeting in the upper watershed.

Finance

Dick Snow reported for finance. We have received the final invoice from the Rockingham Planning Commission for \$112.49. Alison Watts moved that we pay it; Candace Dolan seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Helen Perivier, who was our intern, billed us for \$2525 for her time. Alison Watts moved that we pay her that amount. Candace Dolan seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Michael Perfit provided receipts for \$2235.49 for a new laptop computer and projector. Candace moved to reimburse him for the purchases he made. Alison seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Alison Watts moved to reimburse Candace Dolan for the expenses related to creating a display board in the amount of \$1062.56. Michael Perfit seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

There was also some discussion of reimbursing Wally Fries for \$58.00 for the Post Office Box as well as reimbursing Dick Snow for the \$50.00 he put into the Alliance checking account when he opened it. The consensus was that they payments should be made when cash is available.

Finally there was some discussion of looking for a grant from the Pew Charitable Trust. The project would be to develop an overarching strategy for and stormwater management—perhaps some kind of integrated permitting on MS4's and wastewater. We are well positioned to do regional, adaptive watershed management plan. This would include outreach to the communities as well as working with DES and other state agencies.

There was also some discussion about getting the State of New Hampshire to fund the delayed and deferred list. This program makes larger projects affordable on the municipal level.

The upshot off all this discussion is that we should schedule a meeting with the Advisory Committee.

Grants Management

The Alliance has won a grant of \$9,000 as part of Biopaloosa. This is to cover expendable supplies, signage, and usage of our website. Others as part of this project will be developing an updated impervious cover map at the one meter scale for the entire watershed as well as developing a pollutant load model.

Green Infrastructure is a collaborative project for the forty-two communities of the Alliance. There are plans for watershed wide workshops.

New Business

Housekeeping

Elections will be taking place at the Alliance meeting scheduled for May 8. It was suggested that Shelly Frost and Bill Arcieri might be good candidates for the committee.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

Adjournment

Dick Snow moved to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Candace Dolan. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.