

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS Meeting # 33
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
ifSuite 360, 100 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

March 13, 2013 @ 1:30 PM

Members Present

Michael Trainque, Chester	
Wally Fries, (by telephone)	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 1:51 PM.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Bill Arcieri moved to accept the minutes with typographical corrections. George Rief seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Open Discussion

The board discussed a number of topics including the importance of the State funding for the “Deferred & Delayed List,” as well as the concept of our developing an adaptive management plan for the whole watershed. Of course, we need seed money to build a sustainable plan.

There was also some discussion of the fact that many communities are now covered under MS4. It is generally more costly to correct problems later than it is to do the appropriate things now. The metric of dollars per pound of nitrogen deserves attention.

Finally, there was some discussion of the value of a circuit riders for Best Management Practices for the management of stormwater infrastructure similar to what the Long Creek Watershed is doing.

Grants Management

Alison Watts reported on the two operating grants at this time: Biopalooza and the Green Infrastructure. Biopalooza is working with Stratham, Epping, Durham, and Newington to implement and demonstrate Bio-retention projects. The Green Infrastructure is working to implement two sites this summer and more sites next summer. Projects will be community specific and we are looking for communities to propose projects. We will work with all communities in the watershed that are receptive and ready to do projects to improve water quality. Invitations will be going out in early April.

Biopalooza also includes some substantial website changes to improve community awareness and outreach which are going to be done by Sara Cleaves. There were a number of suggestions of things which might be put on the enhanced website including information on MS4 requirements, and the definition of Impaired Waters. Additional suggestions included setting up a blog and writing up case studies of each of the communities' implementation experience.

New Business

Convene a Meeting of the Advisory Committee

There was some discussion of the value of calling a meeting of the Advisory Committee which has not met in some time. Michael Trainque reported that he heard a "good response" when he contacted most of the members. Alison Watts volunteered to conduct a "Doodle Poll" to identify a times during which the committee could meet. She is also going to be making an additional effort to reach out to NH DOT. Michael Trainque has agreed to prepare the agenda for this meeting.

Housekeeping

Elections will be taking place at the next general Alliance meeting on May 8th. Both Michael Trainque's and Michael Perfit's three year terms are ending. It was the consensus of the board that the nominating committee should consist of Chris Albert, Shelly Frost, and Bill Arcieri.

Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 1:30 PM.

Adjournment

Alison Watts moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Georrge Reif and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:51 P.M.