

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #4
Torrent Hall
Raymond Public Safety Building
1 Scribner Road
Raymond, NH 03077-2234**

Draft Minutes

September 16, 2010 @ 9:00 AM

Members Present

Jennifer Perry, Exeter
Alison Watts, Newfields
Richard Snow, Candia
Michael Perfit, Stratham

Michael Trainque, Chester
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls
L. Mike Kappler, Raymond

Guests Present

Lawrence Morse, GZA GeoEnvironmental
George Rief, Town of Durham
Bill Hounsell, CDM Inc.

Call to Order and Introductions

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

Approve Minutes

The minutes were accepted unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Candace reported for the Education and Outreach Committee
Michael Trainque reported for the Program Development Committee

New Business

Housekeeping

None

Identification of Priorities

The Advisory Committee sent us a memo identifying their recommendations for initial action. This was based on the results of the June 15 meeting of the Alliance facilitated by Ken Chadwick, and by discussion at the advisory committee meeting on September 10. The elements on the list were: consistent stormwater regulations, landowner outreach, land conservation, hot spots, stormwater utilities.

The following State Commissions are active in areas related to SWA: Sediment, Land Use, Storm Water, Instream flow, Large Groundwater Withdrawal, and Sustainable Water & Wastewater Funding. Mike Kappler and Michael Trainque both serve on the Storm Water Commission which is looking to the SWA to help implement their recommendations.

Landowner Outreach would include web articles on topics such as septic system maintenance and green fertilizer use. Additionally promotions might be worked out with area retailers to promote the use of slow release fertilizers.

Identification of Hot Spots is crucial to making informed science based choices in the future. The SWA needs to start the necessary planning and collaboration with other organizations to assure success.

To set priorities, the Board of Directors and ultimately the Alliance should initially focus on those projects that will generate results quickly at low cost. The sense of the board is that our priorities should be landowner outreach, followed by consistent stormwater regulations, and hot spots. Supporting the land conservation actions of others and researching stormwater utilities would be done as resources and time permits. These priorities will be discussed at the Alliance meeting.

SWA wiki

Michael Perfit reported that the SWA wiki is on the air and available as a tool to facilitate communications among the Board of Directors. More work needs to be done to develop policies and procedures concerning the wiki. In the meantime, the wiki is available on-line for learning and collaboration purposes. Michael will be creating user accounts for Michael Trainque, Alison Watts, Candace Dolan, and Richard, Snow.

Strategic Plan

Michael Perfit presented a rough draft of the Strategic Plan. It is now available on the SWA wiki. He asked that board members feel free to participate in the development of the plan by editing the draft in the wiki or contributing to the discussion pages.

Agenda for Alliance Meeting on September 29

The Alliance Meeting agenda will include a presentation from Rich Langdon on the bio-extraction of nutrients from Great Bay. Other topics will include the wiki and strategic plan, the nominations of the three rivers as designated rivers.

Additional topics for subsequent meetings might include the Stormwater Center, the Stormwater Commission, nutrient trading, state and federal drivers, and MS4: what it means.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for 9:00 AM, October 6, 2010 at the offices of Hoyle Tanner in Pease.

Other business

On advice of counsel, the consensus of the Board of Directors was that Mike Kappler would withdraw the bill he had proposed.

Our report to the legislature is due November 1. The content of this report will be discussed at our next Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.