

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #7
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
Suite 360
100 International Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

December 15, 2010 @ 9:00 AM

Members Present

Peter Rice, Portsmouth	Michael Trainque, Chester
L. Mike Kappler, Raymond	Dean Peschel, Dover
George Rief, Durham	Allison Watts, Newfields
Wally Fries, Danville	R. H. Snow, Candia
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls	Michael Perfit, Stratham

Guests Present

Jeremy Tomkiewicz, UNH Graduate Student
Bill Hounsell, Hounsel Counseling/CDM Inc.
Gregory Elizundo. Antioch College

Call to Order and Introductions

Wally Fries called the meeting to order at 9:07 AM.

Approve Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with some minor edits was moved by Richard Snow and seconded by Candace Dolan. The minutes were approved without objection.

Reports of Committees

Strategic Plan

The latest draft of the Strategic Plan is on the wiki. The next step is to develop Business/Project Plans with funding requirements and schedules.

Priority Action Plans

Alison Watts presented an initial draft and promised to post it on the wiki. The focus remains on the areas identified by the Alliance over the previous six months: Landowner Outreach, Consistent Stormwater Regulations, and Hot Spots.

Alison identified a number of potential spring 2011 projects which are low cost and achievable. Among these are implementing an outreach program by reviewing existing programs, customizing one to meet the needs of the watershed, give it the Alliance "Seal of Approval" and disseminate it to cities and towns via our members. To be effective, the information needs to be tailored to different audiences: governing boards need a one page executive summary; land use boards would require additional detail; land owners should see some on-line interactive presentation. Perhaps some joint project with DES and EPA would be appropriate. Outreach could also include developing a "Coastal Earth Day" activity focused on grade or middle school students which would be shared with all the schools in the watershed.

The Science Symposium, with relevant science, policy and outreach presentations, should also be organized.

The Consistent Stormwater Ordinances project needs to build on the work done by PREP and the Planning Commissions but maintain our Great Bay-wide vision. This will be more expensive but will also likely be a good candidate for grant funding.

The next step for each of these projects is to get more specific and identify funding requirements and individual budgets for each plan.

Finance Committee

Dick Snow presented a first draft budget. Please submit additional budget items or proposed changes to him over the next few days.

Alison Watts moved we provide \$2,000 worth of match for the Rockingham Planning Commission. Candace Dolan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Candace moved that in the future, all requests similar come beforehand to be considered by the Board of Directors. Peter Rice seconded. The motion passed without objections.

Peter Rice moved that Wally Fries and Dick Snow send DES a bill to fund our operations. The motion was seconded by Candace Dolan and passed unanimously.

New Business

Housekeeping

Pfizer has donated computer equipment, three desk top computers and one lap top computer, to the Alliance. Michael Perfit installed the equipment in the Alliance cubes provided by Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates. They are providing internet access as well.

Wally Fries has obtained a post office box near these offices. Our official address is now:

Southeast Watershed Alliance
P. O. Box 22122
Portsmouth, NH 03801

Afternoon “Listening Forum” on December 1

Peter Rice reported that on December 2, the concerned communities and their advisers met with DES. The communities requested a truly independent, comprehensive peer review of the science underlying the Nutrient Criteria (size of the pie) and the wasteload allocation (how the pieces get distributed). The communities will specify, by the end of December, what will satisfy them in terms of peer review and have agreed to fund the peer review. DES has agreed to participate.

It is important that the actions to be taken really do and will have the desired and intended consequences.

The Science Symposium is critical to this process. It will include a breakout session to discuss the results of the peer review. This breakout session is expected to make suggestions about further research necessary to support informed decision making.

The Board concurred that the first step in the “Listening Forum” needs should be “Clean Water Act 101.” This would be a discussion of the regulatory requirements and procedures around preserving the quality of Great Bay. This should be an evening meeting scheduled for January, 18, 19, or 20. The target audience would include members of the Alliance as well as selectmen, and members of land use boards and conservation commissions. Peter Rice and Dean Peschel take responsibility for setting up this meeting. We should also make an effort to reach out to the non-sewer communities to explain why they should send people to this meeting.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Monday, January 10, 2011 at 2:00 PM at Hoyle Tanner & Associates' office in the Pease Tradeport.

Other Business

The Storm Water Commission is not going to be extended. They have issued a 600 page report. There is some question as to whether copies of this report have found their way back to the appropriate legislative committees in Concord.

It was the consensus of the Board that an ad hoc committee to followup the Stormwater Commission Report be created to study the report and produce recommendations and plans. The following persons shall serve on the committee: Michael Trainque, Allison Watts, Mike Kappler, and Dean Peschel.

Further discussion focused on identifying the essential elements for stormwater

regulations and focusing on the most advantageous approaches to addressing stormwater runoff.

Adjournment

Peter Rice moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dick Snow. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:57 AM.