

**Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA)
Board of Directors Meeting #9
Hoyle Tanner & Associates
Suite 360
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Portsmouth, NH 03801**

Minutes

February 7, 2011 @ 1:30 PM

Members Present

Peter Rice, Portsmouth	Michael Trainque, Chester
George Rief, Durham	Alison Watts, Newfields
Wally Fries, Danville	R. H. Snow, Candia
Candace Dolan, Hampton Falls	Michael Perfit, Stratham
Jennifer Perry, Exeter (by telephone)	Jim Irish, Madbury
Dean Peschel, Dover	

Guests Present

Jeremy Tomkiewicz, UNH Graduate Student
Bill Hounsell, Hounsell Consulting/CDM Inc.

Call to Order and Introductions

Wally Fries called the meeting to order at 1:59 PM.

Approve Minutes

Richard Snow moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Michael Trainque. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports of Committees

Program Development

The Program Development Committee met before the board meeting. Their meeting ran a little late so we started late. Peter Rice presented the latest revision of the draft outline for the symposium. He also reported that NEERS and PREP have expressed interest in cooperating on producing the symposium. The consensus of the board is that their help and cooperation would be useful and should be encouraged.

Education and Outreach

Alison Watts and Candace Dolan reported that the grant was submitted this

afternoon to the Coastal Program with a letter of support signed by the members of the Board of Directors. The board discussed the value of some of the elements of the grant such as a workshop for SWA members and outreach strategies for storm water that we certainly want to pursue in other grants if this one is not approved.

Finance Committee

The board discussed the need to provide a formal request for funding from DES with a detailed list of actual and expected expenditures. These would include

- part time person
- symposium expenses
- on-going website expenses
- other current needs

Michael Trainque and Dick Snow agreed to work together to write this.

Group Presenting to the Legislature

Wally Fries reported that Alison Watts and he spoke before the Recreation and Resource Development Committee. Unfortunately, half the committee was delayed because of snow. Overall, they have received positive feedback from some of the committee members as well as other participants in the hearing. They also supported adding the Lamprey River as a Designated River. It is important that our legislators know that programs such as ours are funded in other parts of the country. They are going to need to provide funding for the Alliance as well.

New Business

The governor has spoken about establishing a Commission on water and waste water sustainability. Richard Snow moved that Wally Fries should write a letter, on behalf of the Alliance, expressing our support for such a commission and our willingness to serve. The Board or the Alliance can, at the appropriate time, appoint one of our members to represent the Alliance on the Commission. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Perry. It was passed unanimously.

The board discussed the concept of developing a white paper to put in legislators hands. The consensus was that it is a good idea and that at the next meeting we should identify a small committee to write it.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on Monday, March 7 at 1:30 PM at Hoyle Tanner & Associates' office in the Pease Tradeport.

Other Business

Dean Peschel reported that Dover will be doing a pilot test of InPipe Technology for a year starting in July. Peter Rice reported that Portsmouth did an exhaustive analysis and the the technology works well for some plants. Several people raised concerns that our cold temperatures may adversely affect the results. We eagerly await the results from Farmington, CT and Dover. This demonstrates that the communities are taking the initiative where they can to affordably improve water quality.

There was also some discussion of how to move forward with Bio-extraction. The consensus was that a small committee needs to be created to put together a business plan. We need something more comprehensive than the SWAG numbers that we have. Something that addresses the permitting issues that involve federal, state, regional, and local government. Additionally, sources of grants from Fish & Game as well as the US Department of Agriculture and Fish & Wildlife need to be investigated as well.

Adjournment

Jim Irish moved to adjourn. Seconded by Michael Trainque. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:17 PM.