



SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MINUTES - Meeting No. 68

100 International Drive, Suite 360, Portsmouth, NH 03801

November 2, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT - C. Albert, W. Arcieri, D. Cedarholm, C. Dolan, S. Frost, R. Snow, M. Trainque

GUESTS PRESENT - W. Hounsell, S. Couture

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

2. NEW BUSINESS

2.1 NHDES SRF Loan Pre-Applications

SWA's application for a \$30,000 loan doesn't meet the criteria for management of physical assets.

SWA's application for a \$240,000 project is still on the table. Discussion ensued regarding potential projects. Steve Couture spoke, indicating that it could be used for a specific community or group of communities (preferred by NHDES). D. Cedarholm raised the question of the usefulness to SWA in providing the opportunity for group purchase of services versus promoting the greater visions and goals of the SWA,

If pursued as a service or product to the towns, the collateral would come from the towns, and attorneys would address contract language. Costs of asset management would be divided among the communities.

2.2 Open SWA BOD Position

There is a vacancy on the Board of Directors. Rather than forming a nominating committee of three SWA representatives, a list of the 17 or 18 representatives not on the SWA BOD will be circulated to BOD members.

2.3 Watershed Signs

M. Trainque will send for review a draft letter of request to the New Hampshire Department of Transportation (NHDOT). C. Albert offered CAD help for work surrounding actual installation of signs. S. Couture noted that the NHDOT has a strict approval process for signs, and that it would be easier to work with municipalities on town-owned roads. The NHDOT will require a legal agreement. Could ask watersheds to use existing watershed memoranda of agreement with NHDOT, though MOAs are specific even to the content of text on the signs.

2.4 PTAPP Coordination

NHDES is currently the PTAPP lead, and would it be a role for SWA to fill. The next PTAPP meeting is Nov. 17th at the Pease office. DES has a \$ 115,000 contract with

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UNH Stormwater Center to continue with the Phase II work and will continue into the spring. PTAPP has submitted a grant application to the EPA for \$115,000, for expert review panels similar to that used for the Chesapeake Bay.

2.5 Next SWA Quarterly Meeting December 07, 2016 W. Arcieri will check into hosting the meeting in Newmarket.

2.6 Next BOD Meeting Date November 30, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

2.7 Current Grant Opportunities

W. Hounsell reported on recent legislative and departmental action regarding release of some of EPA's administrative funds held in escrow, for 30% loan relief on 8 completed projects in the second half of the budget biennium for NH, and would raise the total State Aid funding budget of about \$6.5 M.

W. Arcieri mentioned that the SWA is uniquely positioned to create regional solutions such as stormwater utilities, which would be independent of MS4s, so could be developed at any time. W. Hounsell noted that that is a way for the towns to clean up polluted rivers, and could be done on our own for progressive constructive solutions that require financial incentive through grant partnerships. Working to facilitate provision of state funding to entities that can bond would be an effective way to make projects happen.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Seacoast Stormwater Coalition (SSC) & Treasurers Report (R. Snow)

Five checks were received, totaling \$10,000 from five SSC municipalities for the agreement for services with SWA. The current SWA balance is \$14,931.14.

3.2 Revisions to SWA Model Stormwater Regulations

A presentation will be given at the next SWA Quarterly Meeting.

3.3 Strategic Plan

George Rief had circulated most recent draft, and SWA has a subcommittee for updating the plan.

3.4 Current Grant Opportunities

3.5 Web Site

D. Cedarholm will request a proposal for work on our website.

4. ADJOURNMENT

C. Dolan motioned to adjourn Arcieri seconded. Motion passed unanimously.