



**SOUTHEAST WATERSHED ALLIANCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES - Meeting No. 78
100 International Drive, Suite 360, Portsmouth, NH 03801
November 15, 2017 - 4:00-6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT - C. Albert, W. Arcieri (4:08) D. Cedarholm,
GUESTS PRESENT -

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS 4:05 P.M.

2. APPROVE MEETING MINUTES

R. Snow motioned to approve all minutes for Meetings 71 - 77 as presented. S. Frost seconded. Approved unanimously.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

3.1 Program Development Committee

A. Funding

M. Trainque sent a letter out to Dave Greene of Rochester to request \$200. D. Peschel asked for a copy to send to Dover. S. Frost will send to Northwood Conservation Committee. M. Trainque to speak to D. Greene, S. Frost to talk to Northwood to request funds for this year, R. Snow to talk to Milton.

B. SWA Marketing Pitch

S. Frost to sign up for NH Charitable Foundation elevator pitch workshop.

3.2 Finance Committee Balance

\$3,580.94 minus check for \$136.00 for the Post Office. R. Snow would like software to track funds. M. Trainque suggested using Excel, at a minimum. R. Snow will file a form with the IRS to be covered as a government instrumentality.

R. Snow stated that SWA should generally have an attorney on retainer, or insurance. Doesn't know how much BOD insurance costs. If SWA is the fiscal agent for a project with the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition (SSC), then SWA should be ready to serve in that capacity. W. Arcieri suggested that we might want to approach an accountant. D. Cedarholm doesn't see where the liability rests on SWA, since we're just the bank, not making decisions. If we see liability, we should not participate in that capacity. M. Trainque concurs, recalled that the duties of disbursing funds when SWA had grants in the past were not onerous, and thinks it's worthwhile to have a financial tracking mechanism in place.

W. Arcieri and M. Trainque concurred that using minimal bookkeeping services would be useful, to audit the books occasionally. C. Albert noted that the NH Association of Natural Resource Scientists audits once per year. He suggested joining the Center for NH Non-Profits. R. Snow suggested an associate membership in NH Municipal Association.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 SSC RFP

The SSC issued an RFP for a GIS-based watershed map for impaired streams of concern (i.e., streams that are on the the EPA's 303D list), with the stormwater system and its outfalls to each river system. It is due at 4 p.m. on December 15, 2017.

4.2 Next SWA Quarterly Meeting

D. Cedarholm suggested a workshop on the model stormwater regulations as they are rather onerous. Focus would be in the content. Has it been tested, and how is it working? Could discuss who has the ownership - whether to officially adopt, or to present as a work in progress. M. Trainque will invite Julie LaBranche. S. Frost suggested inviting town so that they



can report how the ordinance was adopted. Dover adopted as a regulation through the planning board. Rochester and Rollinsford are currently adopting the ordinance.

4.4 Next BOD Quarterly Meeting Date

Uncertain, D. Cedarholm can't make it on December 13. S. Frost will check Newington, R. Snow will check Raymond and W. Arcieri will Newmarket. If in Newmarket, could have Kyle Pimentea talk about his experience.

4.5 Housekeeping

Next BOD meeting will be on December 13, 2017. Might consolidate on the 13th, just before the quarterly meeting.

4.6 New Business

R. Snow watched a webinar on a Water Quality Portal Tool, that will allow anyone to be able to see water quality data.

M. Trainque noted that Washington D.C. enacted a law regulating disposable wipes, to clearly label them as products not to be flushed. Kimberly Clark is suing D.C. Water Environment Federation and National Association of Clean Water Agencies filed an amicus brief in support of Washington D.C.

6. OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

6.1 Revisions to SWA Model Stormwater Regulations

D. Peschel thinks that if SWA were to adopt it, then we don't want it to be onerous. The threshold could be each town's choice. Right now it's a 5,000 sf threshold, very low. R. Snow noted that each town can change it, and so SWA should keep a strict standard to start with.

W. Arcieri noted that the target removal efficiency should be reviewed, because the NH Alteration of Terrain (AOT) rules were just revised and not referenced in the ordinance; and that flexibility is the key issue, D. Cedarholm noted that it's geared to MS4 communities, and SWA need to make it useful to non-MS4 communities. That was better spelled out in the previous version. Now it's a one-size-fits-all approach. Pit may be better to make it a tiered approach.

W. Arcieri suggested having an introductory paragraph about the genesis of the ordinance. Generally agreed on as a good idea.

6.2 Strategic Plan Update

M. Trainque and S. Frost to coordinate and update according to notes.

6.3 Member Participation Outreach

M. Trainque suggested that Shanna Evertcart, Somersworth's planner, join as an alternate to John Jackman, who will be moving to Vermont. She's offered and we need to take her up on it. Mike Bobinsky might also be an alternate. Town council must approve the volunteers to represent the town, and that could be difficult. Need a big outreach. Dean will talk to Madbury. SWA needs representatives from Madbury and Raymond.

6.5 Other

groundwater Trust Fund. D. Peschel thinks that we don't attract people because our focus has been wastewater and stormwater. The DES is spending a lot of energy on drinking water, its quality and quantity,. DES is trying to figure out short-term and long-term projects. Water supply interconnection study could be useful for emergency conditions. Why not think of a regional water system? Or at least water sources in less-developed towns right now. Portsmouth, Rollinsford, Raymond, Epping, Newmarket and Durham both added sources. That would generate interest, and money is involved.

We could also propose a develop a framework or plan that identifies the current status of water systems in the SWA area and identify needs for interconnection and locations of water supply, as well as vulnerability.



W. Arcieri noted that it takes us off track of clean water in Great Bay. An SWA proposal could include protection of water quality. Next action item would be an outline of how to go about this, to figure out what to put in a letter requesting money from the commission.

7. ADJOURNMENT

D. Peschel moved to adjourn, S. Frost seconded, unanimously approved 5:50.