

Bellamy and Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2006

Attendance: Brian Gallagher (UNH), Tom Fargo (Dover), Bob Eckert (Barrington), Eric Fiengenbaum (Madbury), David Cedarholm (Durham),

Absent: Tom Cravens (Portsmouth), Chuck Cox (Lee)

Others: Jennifer Rowden

Minutes: Minutes from January 2006 were approved. Minutes from February 2006 were approved after showing that David Cedarholm was in attendance.

Agenda Items:

1. Bob E. requested that the Minutes be posted to the BORWPP website. Eric F. indicated that updating was needed and he would post the minutes.
2. There was a discussion regarding the group's objectives. It was agreed that the opportunity for open dialog among the communities was valuable and not being duplicated elsewhere. The monitoring of the Bellamy was listed as another positive aspect. The idea arose that facilitating a gathering of likeminded seacoast groups might be a focus.
3. The idea of hosting a regional gathering was discussed. Suggestions for focus included:
 - a. Better understanding of water resources
 - b. Better understanding of the activities of local watershed groups
 - c. Social aspect of the event
 - d. Center piece topic (groundwater sustainability)Tom F. will check into the possibility of getting a keynote speaker to report on the Groundwater Sustainability Study being done in the Seacoast. Brian G. would respond to Pierce Rigrod at NH DES regarding his inquiry about local initiatives to protect water supplies. A list of participants was narrowed down to those from BORWPP member towns and to include watershed groups and town agencies, boards, and commissions. A winter time frame was suggested with the possibility of the NE Center for a location.
4. Elections for officers: Volunteers for BORWPP officers were solicited and voted in as follows: Chair – Bob Eckert, Vice Chair – Brian Gallagher, and Secretary – Eric Fiengenbaum
5. Bellamy VRAP: Eric inquired about whether BORWPP wanted to do any additional testing of the Bellamy in the future and how funding those tests might be accomplished. Brain G. will provide a list of ions that Oyster VRAP tests for. Tom F. will see if Dover could offer testing.
6. There was a short discussion about Swains Lake, and that this may be a topic for a speaker at a future meeting.
7. Next meeting: August 10, 10:00am at the Madbury Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Eric Fiengenbaum