

Bellamy and Oyster River Protection Partnership
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2007

Attendance: Brian Gallagher (UNH), Bob Eckert (Barrington), Eric Fiegenbaum (Madbury)

Absent: David Cedarholm (Durham), Tom Cravens (Portsmouth), Tom Fargo (Dover),
Chuck Cox (Lee)

Others: Jennifer Rowden (UNH), Lorraine Morong (Madbury)

Minutes: Minutes from January were held from approval due to attendance.

Community Reports: As a new regular item to the agenda, Bob E. asked for brief reports from each of the communities represented by BORWPP.

Barrington: The land steward position is still up in the air awaiting a vote to reinstate it.

UNH: The College Woods Coalition has put up a proposal to protect the area through an easement and/or buffer. The current buffer through the town of Durham is 125 ft. The proposal is for 3-400 ft. around the Reservoir and 200 ft. along the Oyster River.

Madbury: The Madbury Cons. Com. is working on a possible conservation easement along the Bellamy River.

Agenda Items:

1. Bellamy VRAP monitoring. Eric F. has been taking conductivity measurements and will take a set of chloride samples during melt events. This is to look into conductivity as a surrogate for chloride sampling. He has not had success coordinating monitoring on the river and large water bodies.
2. A biogas pipeline running from the Turnkey Landfill in Rochester to UNH in Durham is being proposed. The line would use waste gas from the landfill to run a turbine for electricity and heat generation at university. Eric F. will pass on a pdf brochure he received in an email.
3. Brainstorming session: We discussed several issues mainly around the theme of encouraging communities to discuss water resource issues.
 - a. Monetary support for the headwaters stewardship
 - b. Meeting of stakeholders
 - c. Informational meetings
 - d. Needs of each community
 - e. What kind of information is needed.
 - f. Engaging a professional to organize the effort, paid through a grant
 - g. Issues or questions of greatest concern
 - h. Identifying the stakeholders
 - i. Solutions with common benefits
 - j. Tours or field trips

Respectfully submitted
Eric Fiegenbaum