

**Bellamy and Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
November 16, 2005

**Attendance:** Brian Gallagher (UNH), Tom Fargo (Dover), Bob Eckert (Barrington), Eric Fiegenbaum (Madbury), Chuck Cox (Lee)

**Absent:** Tom Cravens (Portsmouth), David Cedarholm (Durham)

**Others:** Lorraine Morong, Jennifer Rowden, Barbara Maurer, Joan Schreiber, Karen Diamond

**Agenda Items:**

1. Introductions - all introduced themselves.
2. By-Laws - reviewed meeting requirements and election of officers.
3. Bellamy River VRAP – Eric F. gave a brief report on the water quality monitoring on the Bellamy. Nine volunteers participated in monitoring for turbidity, dissolved oxygen, pH, specific conductance and temperature. Measurements were taken from June through November at seven sites on the fourth Saturday, between 7-10am. Three rounds of bacteria sampling were done within a sixty day period over the summer. Ted Walsh from NH VRAP also used a data logger for one week at location 02-MLG. There was an inquiry about the DES class designations of certain river segments, and about whether the outlet at the dam to maintain flow to the river had been adjusted recently. DES and EPA recently re-opened the shellfish beds down by the Bay. Dover had a high level of bacteria in a stream in the Garrison Road area. It appears to be from dogs and they have set up an educational outreach for the neighborhood. They have also been working on eliminating cross connections (stormwater-sewer). Brian Gallagher has an exhibit outlining the data for ORWA. Suggestions for Bellamy VRAP To Do List include:
  - a)expand volunteers
  - b)increase outreach and education
  - c)publicity in local media
4. SATWaSR - Barrington has hired Greg Jordan full time as the land steward. The town has also purchased equipment to help him be self-sufficient. He continues to work on Natural Resource Inventories, boundary, maintenance, and developing volunteers. The management plan will focus on water supply and biodiversity. There is lots of hunting use. ATV abuse is lessening. Some damage to a gate. Barrington received a grant to beef up patrols on the perimeter. They continue to work on gathering information on abutting landowners.
5. Development in Barrington. Bob E. gave a brief update on the development being planned in Barrington that will border SATWaSR. There was discussion on how to best approach the developer in regard to getting him to assist in care. Planning Boards can make "exactions"

that go above regulations if they are directly tied to public benefit. It was noted that developments next to conservation areas often benefit from this enhancement and thus they should share in the responsibilities. Bob E. will work on a grant like proposal that could be given to the developer.

6. ORWA - The Oyster River Watershed Association is in its sixth year of monitoring the Oyster River. In addition to the monitoring they hold monthly meetings, invite guest speakers, do river walks, and public outreach.
7. Two UNH students are considering studies involving local water issues.
  - a) Looking at water quality, landuse and bio-diversity values.
  - b) Jennifer Rowden - will be studying how watershed groups can be successful across municipal boundaries. She is interested in the development of the organization, successful structures, case studies, interconnectedness, and what kinds of people participated. She will be interested in interviewing participants in BORWPP, Bellamy VRAP and ORWA.
8. BORWPP organizational items:
  - PR committee to help with press releases, town newsletters, and perhaps a video.
  - put maps on the web site.
  - highlighting the monitoring data and what it represents.
  - identifying audience, who is affected and who are users (local decision makers as well as public.
9. Next meeting:
  - Elections
  - Outreach and education
  - Development proposal

Respectfully submitted,

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