

Bellamy and Oyster River Protection Partnership
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2006

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

Absent: David Cedarholm (Durham)

Others: Jennifer Rowden, David Funk

Minutes: Minutes from August were approved with the correct spelling of Ted Diers.

Agenda Items:

1. Tom F. reported that the Groundwater Sustainability Study is nearing its conclusion. A NOAA intern will be coordinating the reporting. Ted Diers would like BORWPP's assistance in contacting towns.
Tom F. also reported that Arnie Powers at Dover's Waste Water Treatment Plant has the capacity to do some water testing to DES standards. The cost for a quantitative bacteriological test would be \$30. There is some concern about how many samples the lab could handle.
2. Bob E. has been in contact with Jeff Schloss. He was given a monitoring report on Swains Lake. Jeff indicated that productivity was higher than one might want to see, but it seems to be leveling off. He would like to be kept up to date on BORWPP's activities. Chuck C. has a contact on Wheelwright Pond, which is not being monitored. He will check to see if there is any interest.
Eric F. will let Jeff know that the 2005 monitoring of the Bellamy is available. It was wondered if there was any mercury information available. Eric F. will invite Jeff to come to a BORWPP meeting to discuss Swains and Wheelwright.
3. Watershed Conference:
Tom F. will bring a map of the watersheds and conservation lands from SRPC (Strafford Regional Planning Commission.)
Tom C. has a video (and equipment) and water conservation materials.
Bob E. will bring a map of the SATWaR property.
Eric F. has pictures from the Bellamy VRAP monitoring and the 2005 report..
It was agreed that folks would bring their materials to the next BORWPP meeting for a dry run of the display.
4. Chuck C. spoke about SOG (Save Our Groundwater) and the NH Watertable groups. They may have resources to coordinate with.
5. Bob E. spoke about the development planned in Barrington. There has been an approval for private wells for the development and a monitoring well will be installed. The local water district disapproved tapping into their system. Bob E. will try to get more details on the plans. Tom F. wondered if we might funnel comments through the regional planning commission.
6. Bob E. asked about the awareness that Portsmouth might have about local issues. Tom C. indicated that they generally only get abutters notices. There was a discussion about how we might address development issues in the watersheds. The possibility of bringing issues to BORWPP and reviewing them with member resources was entertained. Responses could then be taken back to the individual community by that entity's representative.
7. Tom C. introduced a discussion about obtaining modest funding for BORWPP from its members. Perhaps a dues of some kind. It was suggested that perhaps there might be a department or section within each entity that could budget a small "contribution" for the

- use of BORWPP. BORWPP members would then evenly assign expenses to across the entities. It was suggested that we consider this system at our next meeting.
8. ORWA (Oyster River Watershed Assoc.) has initiated a program of biological monitoring on the Oyster River. Macro-invertebrate sampling will add a new perspective to the assessment of the river and its tributaries. So far, most locations have come back with a “good” rating. One location received a poor rating. Most likely due to the heavy spring flooding.
 9. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 18, 10 a.m. at Madbury Town Hall. Adjournment at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted
Eric Fiegenbaum