

**BELLAMY and OYSTER RIVER WATERSHED PROTECTION
PARTNERSHIP
MEETING NOTES - FEBRUARY 27, 2004**

Present: Tom Fargo (Dover), Eric Fiegenbaum, Wally Dunham(Madbury), Brian Gallagher (UNH), Dave Allen, Tom Cravens (Portsmouth), Bob Eckert (Barrington & UNHCE), Frank Mitchell (UNHCE), Steve Couture (guest, NHDES)

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 1:00 - 3:00, DOVER COMMUNITY
SERVICES BUILDING (TO BE CONFIRMED BY DOVER
REPRESENTATIVES)**

TO DO FOR NEXT MEETING:

1. Draft bylaws (Tom will email a draft before the meeting)
2. Review & comment on Durham's draft stormwater ordinance
3. Review information on municipal ordinances and think about how we want to use the information
4. Consider the question of whether to pursue a nomination to the state Rivers Program.
5. Think of suggested future guest presenters
6. Think about components of the SATWSR dedication event.

FEBRUARY 27 MEETING NOTES:

NH Rivers Management & Protection Program

Bob reviewed the meeting agenda:

1. Steve Couture presentation on the NH Rivers Management & Protection Program
2. Review town/city ordinance information, including ORWA's
3. Review Durham's stormwater ordinance
4. Plan SATWSR dedication event
5. Elect officers
6. Select next meeting date

Tom: Introduced Steve Couture and mentioned the possibility of BORWPP working with watershed communities to nominate the Bellamy & Oyster Rivers to the NH Rivers Management & Protection Program.

Steve: Gave presentation on the Rivers Program and distributed handouts. He suggested a 2 year time frame for a river nomination. He's available to help groups with the nomination process, including forming a River Management Advisory Committee. These groups have non-profit status through NHDES.

Tom: Distributed a handout on a "consolidated listing & assessment methodology", which NHDES has used to designate river segments as

“assessment units”. More information, including the latest report, is on the NHDES web site.

The group discussed implications of the Rivers Program regarding existing public water supplies.

Dave: Seventy percent of Bellamy water goes to Newington & some to other towns

Tom: Referred to RSA 4-C:23 as a vehicle for some BORWPP activities.

Tom & Bob L: Described concerns about possible in-stream flow regulations that may be instituted in the future.

Steve: Existing pilot projects are a result of compromise & acceptance by a variety of interests.

Officers:

Tom said he'd like to see BORWPP have a draft set of bylaws before electing officers and offered to draft them for the next meeting.

Review of Ordinances:

Tom: Distributed Dover's Environmental & Cultural Resources section from the Master Plan.

Bob L: Distributed Durham's stormwater ordinance and discussed it.

Bob E: Distributed sections of Barrington's Master Plan (& ordinances?).

Eric: Distributed sections of Madbury's Master Plan (& ordinances?) (Also available on town web site)

SATWSR Dedication:

Bob E will draft an agenda for the May 1 event and distribute it to BORWPP representatives.

Recorded by Frank Mitchell