

**Bellamy & Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership
Meeting Notes, Sept. 17, 2003
Madbury Town Hall**

NEXT MEETING:

**Wednesday, October 22, 4:00-6:00 pm at the Dover Public Works Dept. Facility.
Dean Peschel or Doug Steele will send directions.**

Present: Doug Steele (Dover), Eric Fiegenbaum (Madbury), Tom Cravens (Portsmouth), Bob Eckert (Barrington & UNH), Frank Mitchell (UNH), Greg Jordan (Barrington & SATWSR)

The group made decisions about the following items:

Name for the group:

Bellamy & Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership

Geographic area of interest:

Bellamy and Oyster River Watersheds

Statement of Purpose:

The group decided on this statement of purpose:

To educate communities, businesses and industry to manage for availability and sustainability of high quality water in the Bellamy and Oyster River Watersheds.

Goals for the next year:

1. Become organizationally functional.
2. Develop a fact sheet series (& other educational materials) or identify, collect and use existing ones. Include information on local watersheds.
3. Use events as educational opportunities (and opportunities such as National Drinking Water Week in early May). In particular, participate in planning and presenting a SATWSR Dedication Ceremony & Tour on May 1, 2004.
4. Conduct "walking tours" and non-walking tours to distribute educational messages.
5. Contact schools and provide educational assistance to interested teachers.
6. Use town newsletters to distribute educational messages.
7. Use contacts with established groups to distribute educational messages.
8. Identify all regional watershed groups and provide them with educational materials.

9. Establish a web presence.

Organizational development:

Membership in the Bellamy & Oyster River Watershed Protection Partnership (BORWPP) is to be formally recognized through representatives appointed by town or city leaders.

Other groups such as regional planning commissions, the Oyster River Watershed Association and the Strafford Rivers Conservancy shall be invited to participate in the BORWPP as non-decision making members (“non-voting”).

Decision-making will be by consensus when possible, with voting used if consensus cannot be reached or in cases when approval of financial matters is decided.

The BORWPP will require a chair and vice-chair and a recorder/secretary. These officers will be selected by the BORWPP once formal community appointment is completed. These officers will serve 1 or 2 year terms (to be decided).

Recorded by Frank Mitchell