

Hodgson Brook Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2006 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM  
NH Community Technical College, Pease Campus

In attendance; Peter Britz, Doug Deporter, Candace Dolan, Steve Jones, Jennifer Kennedy, Megan Laird, Natalie Landry, Dan Coons, Barbara McMillan, Steve Miller, Julia Peterson, Ann Smith, and Sally Soule.

Julia started the meeting with introductions. The HBAB reviewed and approved the minutes from the 6-13-06 HBAB meeting with minor changes to the attendance list and next meeting date. Jen introduced Candace Dolan the new Watershed Coordinator who started in July 06.

Candace gave the HBAB a progress report on the following;

- Sampling schedules are set – April through Oct. every two weeks, with HB flow studies every Tuesday behind the Altex building on Bartlett right before the Brook enters the North Mill Pond.
- Day of Caring – storm drain stenciling in Pease with 10 Liberty Mutual people on Sept 13 and then going to Fort Stark for coastal cleanup.
- EPA Equipment Loan - \$ for flow meter in 2007 in the works.
- Planning a Pease business activity – working to reach out to businesses to be aware of and to participate in HBAB activities. Discussed storm water and treatment, and social marketing as a way to connect with the businesses. Everyone thought this was a great idea and Candace should pursue it.
- West End Business Association – interested in reaching out to people and groups interested in the West End. Candace has attended one of their meetings.
- Schools potentially involved in helping meet HBAB restoration goals are:

New Franklin School 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Portsmouth High School juniors and college prep sophomores,

The new NHCTC ecology class

The HBAB suggested Candace review the HBAB restoration plan for student projects.

Candace and Julia then lead the HBAB in a discussion of the long term funding strategies for the HBAB Watershed Coordinator. Natalie gave an update on where things currently stand with a second application to EPA for two more years. Natalie raised the issue with Candace directly about the need to develop a long term funding strategy and need to work on specific actions for funding. The discussion evolved into discussion of assets within the group, financial strategies, perhaps a need for a new board member with the business skills to help lead these efforts, and the vision of what is hoped to be achieved.

It was decided that at the next meeting Candace would give an overview of the financial situation and future funding.

Peter gave an update on the Master Planning and Zoning ordinance changes that are ongoing in Portsmouth. The HBAB Restoration Plan is in the Master Plan in the natural resource protection goal section. The next question, what do we want in Zoning and/or in the Site Review Process? Peter suggested we send to the Planning Board a letter as a reminder of what is in the HBAB restoration plan with suggestions of what we would like to see happen in terms of ordinance changes. The idea was discussed and a subcommittee was formed with Candace, Peter, Sally, Barb, and Steve. Candace will organize a meeting for the group to meet and formulate a letter to the Planning Board.

The topic of additional board members was on the list of discussion points, the question quickly became is this action item for Candace to pursue. If people have suggestions bring these to Candace.

The partnership with the ANMP in terms of the newsletter and or other low cost alternatives for outreach such as a web based outreach piece was discussed. The ANMP will be undergoing an organizational review this fall and winter that will include updating goals and action plans. No HBAB action required at this point. Other methods for the HBAB to use for an outreach forum were discussed without conclusion.

Upcoming events were announced including the World Wide Monitoring days in Sept. and Oct., the NHDES workshop series on designing stronger grant-funded projects and grant proposals, the State of the estuaries Conference in Oct., and the NHDES Watershed Conference in November.

The next meeting date was set for December 12, 2006, 4:30 to 6:00 PM at NHCTC.