

Hodgson Brook Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 10, 2006 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM
DES Office, Pease International Tradeport

In attendance; Peter Britz, David Burdick, Doug Deporter, Sherry Godlewski, Jennifer Kennedy, Natalie Landry, Barbara McMillan, Steve Miller, Julia Peterson, Maria Stowell, and Sally Soule.

First order of business was review and approval of HBAB meeting minutes from 9-27-05. The functions of the HBAB Chair were discussed; the main functions are to set up the agenda, set the schedule of HBAB meetings, and work with the HBAB to back up and support Sherry and HBAB efforts. Dave Burdick was voted in as Chair and Julia Peterson was voted in as Vice Chair.

Membership on the HBAB was discussed. The HBAB would like to round out the membership with a business person and a representative from the Pease business community. Several names and businesses were mentioned as good potential HBAB members. Sherry will pursue inviting new HBAB members.

The HBAB discussed the Meadowbrook letter regarding the re-development on the site. Discussion centered on how to respond and follow up the letter. Discussion evolved to the role of the HBAB on issues like this. There was a healthy discussion of the process with HBAB members expressing their views on the matter. The general feeling of the HBAB, in regards to how much of this type of thing to do, was to play it by ear. We will wait to see how things play out with Meadowbrook and see what future opportunities arise in this area. The important thing is to be able to be part of the process and have an input but not be cornered into a position to take a stance one way or another on the complete project. The HBAB would rather show support for specific aspects of a project that utilize good stormwater management and or low impact development techniques. Other projects in the watershed were discussed i.e. the Home Depot move to old business center site. There was a discussion about the HBAB and Sherry working with the City Boards and the PDA on projects. Sherry could give a short presentation to the City and PDA boards with information about the HBAB and how we could help in the process.

There was a suggestion to work on a HBAB document that explains the HBAB position on re-developments, the use of LID techniques, and which techniques the HBAB supports. This was offered as a way to be clear to engineers, architects, and developers about the LID techniques that we felt would work in the watershed and we could support. Also include references. Several HBAB members expressed interest in working on this with Sherry and circulate this via email. Steve, Julia, Barb and Sally will work with Sherry on this.

Sherry gave a report on the Seacoast Newspaper Building Project. During a period with several rain events there was an exceedance of State Standards for Turbidity off the construction site and this was reported to NHDES. Sherry also reported on the HBAB signage project with NHDOT and City of Portsmouth. Sherry then gave several quick updates on other projects including:

- Daylighting project,

- Bartlett Street Bridge repair of leaky sewage pipe,
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Surveys (IDDE) to take place this spring,
- Website updates Natalie, Barb, and Sherry working on it,
- Portsmouth Community Radio doing a spot on the Tim Stone Environmental Program on the HB project,
- Staff gauge will be installed in March 06,
- The December 2005 HBAB grant report to DES completed,

Next steps are to secure long term funding for the HBAB.

The next meeting was scheduled for March 7, 2006 from 4:30-6:00 at the NHCTC. Doug Cygan from the NH Dept. of Agriculture will speak about the use of beetles to control Purple Loosestrife in the watershed.