

Hodgson Brook Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 8, 2008 from 4:30 -- 6:00 PM
NH DES Field Office , Pease International Tradeport

In attendance: Ann Smith, Steve Miller, Dave Burdick, Peter Britz, Stephen Jones,
Candace Dolan, Sally Soule, Jen Kennedy, Doug DePorter

Dave Burdick Chaired the meeting. The HBAB reviewed the minutes from the September 19, 2007 meeting. One change was noted, Barbara McMillan was added to the subcommittee which worked on the letter to the City of Portsmouth regarding changes to existing Buffer regulations. A motion to approve was forwarded and seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Candace has spoken to Portsmouth resident Angela Hiley about joining the HBAB. Angela is interested and will to submit a resume to the HBAB for consideration. Candace asked if she could send out the resume to the board members as an email attachment and if they could vote outside the next meeting so Angela could be present at the next HBAB meeting. The board approved that action.

A change was made to the Agenda by Candace. The first item, a review of the 2008 plan of work was postponed until the next meeting since the NHVRAP report has not been released and changes may need to be made based on the recommendations in the report.

The Meadowbrook project status was reported on by Candace and Peter Britz. At the last TAC meeting held on January 2, the developer offered yet again a revised plan. The general feeling by the TAC board according to Peter is that the plan is too dense which is creating issues with access and loading zones. A request was made by the TAC to break up the parking lots with green space and the developer was asked to return again next month with a 1:20 plan to facilitate seeing the vehicle (truck) access areas.

Candace reported that she has been asked to present an update of the Hodgson Brook Project at the next Pease Tradeport Association meeting in February. She has been attending the meetings to connect with Pease business.

Candace presented copies of the Stormwater retrofit survey plan to the Board members for consideration. It was suggested that she give copies to Rob Roseen and Jamie as soon as possible to generate interest within the UNH Upper-class student community. The ideal student would be an upperclassman with work study money which would effectively double the \$2,000.00 now budgeted for the task.

The NHCTC has been approached about adding some LID technologies to their renovation plan which is scheduled to begin this spring. A meeting has been set for January 10th with Will Arvelo the President of NHCTC, Scott Osgood, Director of Capital Planning and Projects, Jamie Houle, UNH Stormwater Center, Julia Peterson UNH/CE and Sally Soule NHDES to discuss the possibilities.

The New Franklin School Watershed PSA Project has been completed. With the help of the WSCA 106.1 radio station and the Environmental Show host Tim Stone, the students recorded and previewed their messages on the radio on December 15th. The HBAB had the opportunity to listen to the messages during the meeting. They will be available at the station for inclusion during programming. They will be added to the Hodgson Brook website under the Student teacher section and will also be made available to the UNH Great Bay radio loop.

Dave Burdick reported on the final products of the UNH Natural Resources class “How to change the world”. Taught by Dave and others, it focused on having students research a solution to a problem posed by a NPO partner and writing a grant to do the work. Three students choose to work with a suggestion offered by Ann Smith and Candace and planned a project working with Portsmouth High School Students in the school media lab to produce a series of documentaries on Hodgson Brook/ NMP and the issues around them. Dave showed the poster presentations developed by the students to the Board.

Brad Mezquita , V.P. of Appledore Engineering joined the meeting and spoke to the HBAB about their new building currently under construction at the Tradeport. It is located off Corporate Drive between the Southern NH University building and Martin Family Health Center. The building which will house their new offices is planned as a LEEDS certified building and will incorporate Porous pavement as well as a gravel wetland. The lot is adjacent to a plot identified by Maria Stowell PDA as a possible location for a Buffer Demonstration area. They would be interested in speaking with us about the project if that is we decide to place it. Steve Miller suggested that another location might be behind the SNHU building as they are closer to the Brook at that point and it might be a way to involve them in the project.

Chocolates donated by the Lindt Chocolate Company were distributed to the Board members.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8th 4:30-6:00 pm at the NH Community Technical College.

A motion was raised to adjourn and seconded.