

Hodgson Brook Local Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 2007 from 4:30 -- 6:00 PM
NH Community Technical College, Pease International Tradeport

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

Peter Britz Chaired the meeting. The HBAB reviewed the minutes from the March 6, 2007 meeting. No changes were noted. A motion to approve was forwarded and seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Natalie Landry has left her position as NHDES Coastal Watershed Supervisor and has been replaced by Sally Soule leaving an open position on the HBAB.

Candace requested clarification from the Board on the process of bringing an additional board member into the organization. It was decided that a biographical sketch of the potential member should be sent out the board before the next meeting and they would then vote to accept or reject.

Progress on the 2007 work plan was reviewed by Candace. Three new tasks have been added to the new grant just started. The first, Action Plan WQP-1 is to protect stream buffers and create a buffer demonstration area. Natalie Landry and Candace had met with Maria Stowell who identified a possible location at the Tradeport off Corporate Drive between the proposed Appledore Engineering building and Martin Family Health Center.

The second new task is Action Plan WQP-5 *Identify and correct regulations to better protect stream buffers*. The City is currently working on this with a time frame of 3-5 months. Peter recommended that we send a letter with a list of points we believe should be considered and suggested model ordinances. Steve Miller informed the group that there was a planned series of buffer workshops sponsored by NHEP, NHDES and NHCP. it was decided that a subcommittee consisting of Dave Burdick, Sally Soule, Peter Britz, Barbara McMillan and Candace would attend and meet after to create the letter.

The third item is Action Plan WQP-8 *Retrofit storm drainage to improve water quality*; the board discussed looking for an upper classmen to hire to accomplish this task. The ideal student might be one with work study money since this would stretch the \$2,000 stipend that has been allotted for the task. Sally will ask Rob Roseen to assist in finding someone. The question was raised... who would manage the student? This will need to be discussed with Rob.

Candace reported on the 6 week New Franklin School program she has initiated. The students will be learning about watersheds, doing a survey of the school grounds and water quality monitoring on the Brook. WQ data will be entered by the students into the WWMD database. The end product will be a series of PSA announcement which will air on the Community Radio station. Station manager Tim Stone will send in someone to work with the students in developing their messages.

Steve reported on the status of the Meadowbrook project which has finally passed through the Planning Board and is scheduled to go to the site review committee. Many of the changes in the plan came from the HBAB input.

Candace also reported on the new UNH Natural Resources class "How to change the world". Taught by Dave Burdick and others, it focuses on having students research a solution to a problem posed by a NPO partner and writing a grant to do the work. Several suggestions have been submitted by Candace. One further suggestion for outreach made by Steve Miller was identifying homes within the watershed that may be appropriate for simple retrofitting to achieve a LID.

The final discussion was on the best use of the \$20,000 donation expected from the developer. Peter indicated that it may be 6 months or more before we see the money. The question debated was how can we best maximize the match and what kind of possible grant funding do we see in the future that we could match it against. (Ideally a 75-100, 000 w/ 1/3 match) The final discussion was where should we focus our attention? It was felt that the restoration should be outside the Tradeport as near as possible to the Meadowbrook site. Peter mentioned that there was one possibility that the water pipe which runs alongside the Brook behind the Meadowbrook was slated for replacement or be moved that may open up the possibility of restoring that section of the Brook.

Ann Smith mentioned meeting someone who had grown up in the Meadowbrook area along side the Brook and remembered when the cows were pastured along Coakly Rd. Maybe we can try to find someone who could research and create a pictorial history of the Brook.

The new mugs sporting the HB, BOS, ANMP and NHDES logos and the phrase *Get Involved!* Were given to the board members as well as chocolates donated by the Lindt Chocolate Company.

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

A motion was raised to adjourn and seconded.