

## Oyster River Local Advisory Committee Minutes of Meeting of April 9, 2012

**Members Present:** Eric Fiegenbaum, John Wallace, Peter Stanhope, Julianne Boucher, Dick Horan, Tom Falk

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Tabled until next meeting.

### **New Business:**

- **Durham/UNH Water Meters:** the consensus was that these will be beneficial, as the ability to monitor water usage more closely will likely result in a reduction in water use. Eric will send a letter expressing that opinion.

A discussion ensued on how, in general, we should respond to notices (from DES or from the towns) about plans for projects in the river corridor. We decided that rather than take a vote simply approving or disapproving a project, we will write a letter outlining what members feel are the positive and negative aspects of that project.

On a related note, we will review the UMLAC review policy (available on the web site) to assist in developing our own.

- **Web site:** we were impressed by what Eric has put together so far, with its maps, history, etc. One thought was to add a page for applicants who are proposing projects in the OR corridor, to let them know our procedures, etc. Overall, thoughts are that the web site will evolve as we do.
- **Timing of receipt of applications and our comments:** there is a problem in that the statutory time for DES to approve/disapprove applications to the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act may occur without our having a chance to review the application and submit our comments. Eric pointed us to a draft of a document from DES that try to address this issue that he has posted on the members page of the web site. We will study that document and consider what to do at the next meeting.
- **Right to know issues:** Eric will put some information on this subject on the web site for further discussion.
- **"River Drive" with Oyster River Watershed Association (ORWA):** we will determine when we can do this via email.
- **Educational meeting related to Nitrogen pollution of Great Bay:** we agreed to cosponsor a meeting organized by ORWA in order to facilitate a convenient meeting location, as it aligns with our overall mission of water quality.

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2012**

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_  
John Wallace