

# SNHRC&D

SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE  
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT AREA

Cheshire Hillsborough Merrimack Rockingham Strafford Sullivan

*Meeting of the Board of Directors  
July 30, 2009  
The Concord Center, Concord, NH*

*Board Members Present: Webb Palmer, Chairman; Bob Spoerl, Vice  
Chairman; Jim Moore, Secretary; Bud Winsor, Treasurer*

*Staff Members Present: Ann Bowes*

*NRCS Present: Hollie Umphrey, SNHRC&D Coordinator  
Rick Demark, NCRC&D Coordinator*

*Guests: Per Garp*

*Chairman Webb Palmer called the meeting to order at 3:30.*

*The minutes of the June 25, 2009 board meeting were read. Bud Winsor moved  
acceptance seconded by Bob Spoerl, and the motion was passed unanimously.*

*Bud Winsor gave the Treasurer's report. The beginning balance was 375.00, with  
payments of \$75.00 to NH Charitable Trust Unit, and a \$3.00 service, leaving an  
ending balance of \$239.58. Bob Spoerl moved to approve, Webb Palmer seconded and  
the motion passed unanimously. In the joint online meeting of the NH RC&D executive  
committees on July 16, 2009, it was voted that Ann Bowes will aid Bud Winsor with the  
treasurer's reports, and be added as a signatory on the bank account. A second signature  
will be required on all checks over \$2,000.*

*The continued requests by Heritage Mills for payment of unallowable project  
costs have required the sending of a certified letter to Gerry Demuro on July 24, 2009,  
containing a copy of the entire file including the letter stating that services by  
SNHRC&D were severed.*

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*The amended cooperative agreement with NRCS, to be effective from 4/27/09 and 9/30/11 has been increased from \$12,000 to \$36,000. Rick Demark outlined the proposed allocation of the funds between the NCRC&D and SNHNRC&D which had been outlined in the 7/16/09 teleconference of the two executive committees. Webb Palmer moved and Jim Moore seconded a motion to accept the draft funding allocation. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Hollie announced that the Farm Energy Audit Grant of \$87,000 had been approved by the NH Governor and Council On July 15, 2009. The grant will allow 25 energy audits of farms to be conducted. The initial step is getting three persons trained to be data takers for the audits. A Farm Energy Audit work group is scheduled for 8/05/09 to debrief the audit trainees and develop a work plan.*

*Hollie asked for volunteers to staff a subcommittee to develop the area plan that expires in 2010. All members present said they would be willing to work on the plan. A working group meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 8/19 from 10-2 in Concord.*

*Rick Demark invited the SNHRC&D Council to participate in the District Heating Program as he advised that the City of Claremont has contacted NCRC&D for information.*

*Ann Bowes reported that she has set up a Staples Rewards account to take advantage of the coupon rebate on recycled ink cartridges. She asked the Board for permission to register with TechSoup, an organization providing free or discounted software to non-profits. Permission was granted.*

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*Per Garp presented the concept for a proposal for a Farm to Markets project, and Rick Demark suggested that Garp sit down with the Small and Beginner Farmer and Rancher subcommittee to if fits with their. Hollie will schedule a meeting with Lynda Brushette, Julie Brussell, Rick, Per Garp and Charlene Andersen. The Board expressed verbal support for the concept.*

*Web Palmer distributed information packages to aid in recruitment of new Board members.*

*Per Garp submitted his request to become a Board member. Per was asked about his background and experience. Bob Spoerl moved to accept his nomination and Bud Winsor seconded. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*James H. Moore, Secretary*