

Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting Notes/Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Dover Community Services Building, 271 Mast Road, Dover, New Hampshire

Attending:

Gretchen Young, Dover (Chair)

James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center

Barbara McMillan, NHDES

Sally Soule, NHDES

Bill Boulanger, Dover

Stephen Brewer, Raymond

Jen Mates, Exeter

Lyndsay Butler, Wright-Pierce

Dennis McCarthy, Rye

Glen Tuttle, UNH

John Starkey, Seabrook

Jim Hafey, Hampton

Chris Jacobs, Hampton

James McCarthy, Portsmouth

Tavis Austin, Stratham

Dean Peschel, Peschel Consulting, LLC

RH Snow, SWA

Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth

Nancy O'Connor, SRPC

Shanna Saunders, Somersworth

Heidi Marshall, CLD Consulting

Paul Deschaine, Stratham

Paul Cazeault, Rollinsford

Bill Arcieri, Southeast Watershed Alliance

Diane Hardy, Newmarket

Dolores Leonard, Roca Communications

1. Introductions:

2. **Collaborative Approaches Work Session Update:** James Houle, UNH Stormwater Center provided a review of April 19 work session “Identifying Collaborative Approaches for MS4 Compliance.” The municipalities and consultants in attendance worked on a matrix of the tasks in the permit NOI to collectively decide what is practical and achievable to do and to identify opportunities for collaboration and using existing resources.

3. **Impaired Waters Mapping:** James Houle discussed potential tasks for developing georeferenced maps of all impaired waters and outfalls with specific pollutants of concern. Except for the outfalls, much of the information already exists in maps. Potential tasks include:

- 1: Develop maps and querriable spreadsheets for all partner communities (UNHSC, GRANIT)
- 2: Develop consensus around various pollutants and what additional criteria/reporting/actions are necessary. For instance are chlorophyll-a and phosphorus impairments essentially the same. If not/why?

There was much discussion regarding the definition of the outfalls. James will provide annotation for every conclusion he used.

Next Steps: At the next meeting, the task will be to identify SOPs and possibly a scope of services for the mapping. Municipalities will bring what they have done so far and bring any in-house GIS staff they have. James will send out information to everyone on the shape files. NHDES will also check on any previous outfall location work done.

There was discussion about how to approach EPA responses to collaborated efforts and whether to look into receiving feedback through this process.

- 4. Outreach and Education Minimum Control Measure #1 Work Session:** Barbara McMillan presented an overview of Measure #1 relating to nitrogen impairments enhanced BMPs (Appendix H, pg. 2) and bacteria TMDL enhanced BMPs (Appendix F, pg.4) requirements and other outreach requirements. Municipalities then worked to identify messaging requirements, existing resources, collaboration potentials, and how to apply them to meet requirements. See attached draft Min Control #1 matrix for more information on permit requirements and collaborative efforts brainstorming. Presentation and discussion included:
- What the permit says we need to do.
 - What we might explore doing to meet requirements. (audiences, messages, and methods)
 - What resources are available. (NHDES, PREP, Municipalities, other?)
 - Match resources with requirements.

Additional discussion points included:

- Community Development Programs may be an opportunity for outreach to industry.
- Need a central point to manage messages.
- Can we all refer to one website as one place to keep up to date?
- Need to come up with a list of items a municipality can pick from, i.e., ala-cart, tools, messages, etc.

Exeter reported out on existing outreach efforts: Think Blue Exeter, Exeter Clean Water Campaign, Salt Brochure, Dos & Don'ts to protect Exeter Drinking Water Brochure, Clean Water Campaign, pet waste campaign, and HHW days handouts.

Seabrook distributed their stormwater program door hanger.

Barbara and Sally Soule will transfer discussion notes onto the draft Min Control #1 matrix and distribute to coalition members. Brainstorming will continue at the next coalition meeting.

5. General Announcements:

NH Public Works Association Annual meeting is on May 18th.

Pre-applications for State Revolving Fund Stormwater, Drinking Water, Waste Water and Asset Management Projects are due June 30th. See:

<http://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wweb/grants.htm>

The draft NH MS4 Regional Stormwater Coalitions Blog/Website is up at:

<https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/>

- 6. Other Business?** Dick Snow gave an update on the SWA role in the funding set-aside for collaboration efforts and discussed stormwater utilities in New Hampshire.
- 7. Next Meeting** will be June 14 from 1:00 to 3:00 at Dover Community Services. Agenda includes:.

1. GIS outfall mapping demonstration/work session
2. Review, comment, and continued brainstorming on min control #1.