

Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting

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

Wednesday, October 18, 2017, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Attending:

Gretchen Young, Dover (Chair)

Barbara McMillan, NHDES

Sally Soule, NHDES

Georg Guilmette, Rollinsford

Steve Brewer, Raymond

Daniel Lewis, Exeter

Jessica Hunt, Stantec/Dover

Steve Reichent, CLD/Fuss & O'Neill

Denise McCarthy, Rye

Jamie McDonald, Seabrook

Nancy O'Connor, SRPC

Suzanne Huard, Rollinsford

Tavis Austin, Stratham

Jim Hafey, Hampton

RH Snow, SWA

Diane Hardy, Newmarket

Bill Boulanger, Dover

Dean Peschel, Peschel Consulting

1. Subcommittee Progress Updates:

- **Mapping Subcommittee:** Gretchen Young, Dover DPW, reviewed the mapping RFP that had been distributed via email to everyone. She asked that anyone with comments or proposed changes contact her by the end of the week. The final RFP will be distributed next week. Rollinsford requested that they be added.
- **Outreach Subcommittee:** Barbara McMillan, NHDES provided an example of how the NOI will be filled out if an MS4 would like to use collaborative resources for Minimum Control Measure #1.

2. Other Business:

- **Next meeting agenda items:** EPA and NHDES have a few potential items to bring up for future agendas. See item #4 for more information.

3. General Announcements:

- Dean Peschel and others went over the past NH Municipal Association meeting on the NPDES permit New Hampshire delegation discussion and the Legislative Commission studying NH delegation. Dean had attended a meeting at the Business and Industry Association yesterday where the benefits were discussed. There is a public meeting on the Commission on Oct 25th in Concord and the deadline for the commission to make recommendations is Nov. 21st. They may go on to study the real costs. It would be helpful if NHDES was on board with this. MS4 contacts can write letters in support of the delegation.

4. **Next Meeting Date and Agenda:** Next meeting will be November 29th at 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The agenda will include Ted Diers, NHDES talking about the NHDES role with the MS4 permit and the discussion about delegation. In addition, we will invite EPA to provide a presentation on filling out the NOI that they have provided to the MA MS4s.

5. **Berry Brook Site Walk:** Bill Boulanger and Gretchen Young, Dover DPW, Sally Soule, NHDES, and Dean Peschel, Peschel Consulting, provided a guided site tour of the recently completed comprehensive Dover Berry Brook restoration project. This included highlights of the 25 innovative stormwater treatment practices. This is a cool project! See summary below.

Berry Brook Restoration Project Summary:

For over ten years, the City of Dover has been working with the UNH Stormwater Center in partnership with the NH Department of Environmental Services to design, construct, and monitor innovative stormwater treatment practices that remove pollution and infiltrate stormwater runoff from impervious areas (IA) in the Berry Brook watershed. To date, 25 treatment practices have been installed in the watershed, reducing the watershed IA from 30% to 9%. Restoration outcomes include reduced flooding, habitat improvements, and cleaner water. Additionally, design innovations pioneered by the city during the project have led to new ways to construct less costly, but equally effective stormwater treatment practices.

For more information: <https://www.unh.edu/unhsc/berrybrook> A little outdated but gives an idea of the scope of the project.