

MINUTES - FINAL

Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

9 Executive Park Dr. #201, Merrimack, New Hampshire

Thursday, March 15, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Present:

<i>Jeremy Bouvier, Chair</i>	<i>Manchester</i>
<i>Gordon Leedy</i>	<i>Amherst</i>
<i>Bruce Barry</i>	<i>Amherst</i>
<i>Simon Corson</i>	<i>Amherst</i>
<i>Dawn Tuomala</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>
<i>Barbara McMillan</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNHSC</i>
<i>Mike McLaughlin</i>	<i>Bedford</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker</i>	<i>Bedford</i>
<i>Madeleine Mineau</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Linda McGhee</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Amy Prouty Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Lincoln Daley</i>	<i>Milford</i>

<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>
<i>Sylvia Vanvon Aulock</i>	<i>Southern NHPC</i>
<i>Jennifer Meritt</i>	<i>Southern NHPC</i>
<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Jay Minkarh</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Jen Czysz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Gary Webster</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Steve Wright</i>	<i>CLD/ Fuss & O'Neill</i>
<i>Troy Brown</i>	<i>Litchfield</i>
<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>
<i>James Danis</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Scott Butcher</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Jim Lavacchia</i>	<i>Wilton</i>

1. **Meeting minutes from February 13, 2018 were approved-** pending removal of duplicated name and changing is to if on page three.

2. General Announcements:

- Bruce's last day with Amherst is Saturday April 7th, this will be his last meeting.

3. **Status and Discussion on Nashua/Manchester Regional Municipal Cooperative Agreement Proposal Commitments** – Jen Czysz, NRPC and Sylvia von Aulock, SNHPC: Discuss status of municipal agreements.

- There are three executed copies: Pelham, Litchfield, and Wilton.
- Amherst has 2 of 3 signatures.
- Bedford Manchester, Milford, Merrimack, Nashua, and Plaistow have their agreements.
- Derry and Hollis are on the maybe list. Derry should have an answer soon.
- Unknown communities include : Atkinson, Hampstead, Hooksett, Londonderry, and Windham.

- Goffstown, Hudson, and Salem have decided not to sign the agreement.
 - Laconia might be interested in joining, but not until mid-summer.
 - Jamie Houle would like to see more aligning of all efforts, for example the seacoast NOI could be used for everyone. It is transferrable to any municipality. There might be merit to aligning work. He suggested a meeting between the two groups, quarterly or every six months. There seemed to be interest within the group.
 - It was suggested to have a conversation with Steve Landry and Ted Diers about data that is used for regulatory purposes. If it is not correct, how do we address that? Work should be appropriate to conditions and site. It was suggested that data quality should be an agenda item for a future meeting.
 - Wastewater folks in Lowell have been trying to get a broader coalition in the Merrimack Watershed to get better information.
 - A question was raised about how to handle monitoring and outreach for pH. A pH impairment isn't caused by stormwater and there is no point in targeting outreach regarding pH.
 - Jamie said that 5% of the permit is ridiculous or vague and not to let that get in the way of the 95% that you can do. He suggested that this be pursued as a larger group.
 - Nashua is working on an NOI and will be happy to share it with the group when they are finished.
- 4. Review of Outreach and Education MCM#1** – Barbara McMillan, NHDES: Existing resources and planning and what are the gaps and next steps.
- Jamie mentioned that the NOI is not pamphlets, etc. it is about what the stormwater coalition, etc. will work on- an outline of what that work will be. The SWPPP is a living document- it can be different (changed) from the NOI.
 - Handouts were passed out.
 - Barbara went over the Education and Outreach document.
 - She would like more examples to share in areas where there is an “or” statement.
 - She then went over the fertilizer outreach options.
 - Q- Are there any programs for landscapers?
 - A- There is a landscaper for water quality training coming up, this will be the third year. Landscapers are listed on a website and can use that for marketing themselves.
 - Q- Is there a curriculum that could be shared?

- A- Yes, this training fills every year so it would be great to have municipalities host and share more specific, local information.
 - UNH T2 has a Green Snow Pro class. Anyone with a chloride impairment would be interested in that.
- Barb went over the Pet Waste outreach options.
- Hudson sees this problem, they are trying to put teeth into it. They will inform the dog officer of this information.
- This can be used to Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and/or Bacteria.
 - Q- I don't see Nitrogen and Phosphorus on the list.
 - A- It is listed as DO, which is affected by nutrients- same with aquatic life.
- UNH is going to try to put something together that makes the listing more clear. They will also put together something that will show a minimum matrix of what is required in the permit.
- Barb has a guidance document "The Inside Scoop: How to Conduct a Pet Waste Outreach Campaign" which was handed out to those who asked for it.
- Another outreach idea would be to give out a tag or bone with info when dogs are registered.
- Some towns have online registration. Could send out info with receipt or have a check box when registering that owners would pick up after their dog. Another idea was to have cheaper licenses for owners that were willing to sign a pledge that they would clean up after their pets.
- The idea was brought up to have garbage cans with dog bags in parks- Barb will add that to the pet waste page.
- Barb went over the Leaf and Yard Waste outreach options.
- Nashua is hosting a compost bin sale, they can could the number sold and count that towards permit compliance.
- Barb mentioned that this initiative can sometimes be hard to track.
 - Can track if more leaves were brought to the transfer station.
- Barb went over the Septic System outreach options.
- This would be for any Nitrogen, Phosphorus, or Bacteria impairment.

- A Flier “Do your part be septic smart” was handed out. NHDES also has a fact sheet on how to take care of a septic system.
- Measurement on this initiative is also tough.
- Can ask Septic haulers if there is an uptick in pump outs.
- Could track where septage is released- septage haulers have a contract on where they can dump.
- There is a Septic System Management for Homeowners video- this could be tracked using number of views.
- These can be used every year, it is not recommended, especially if it is not working, but under the permit it is acceptable – you don’t have to change what you do.
- Let Barb know if you would like to add anything to the matrix.
- A subcommittee for outreach was formed.
- Jaime Houle, Jeremy, Craig Durrett, Madeleine, Sylvia, and Dawn volunteered.

5. Review of the NOI and identify what can be done together: Where we can use generic language and next steps for filling it out.

- A subcommittee was formed to create a draft NOI that any community can use. All you would have to do is assign responsibilities and submit.
- Lincoln Daily volunteered Fred Alkind, Gordon, Dawn, Madeleine, Joan, Troy, and Jamie volunteered.

6. Other Business

- Seacoast RFP update- They have hired Rockingham and Stratford Planning commissions, they will collaborate with Southern. They are developing the contract. They hope to develop a methodology to fill out page two of the NOI.
 - It was suggested that the NOT should be discussed at some point.

7. Next Meeting Date and Agenda: Thursday, April 19th – **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Agenda to be determined.