

MINUTES - FINAL

Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

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

Thursday, April 19, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

Present:

<i>Gordon Leedy</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>
<i>Eric Hahn</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Sylvia Von Aulock</i>	<i>Southern NHPC</i>
<i>Dawn Tuomala</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Jennifer Meritt</i>	<i>Southern NHPC</i>
<i>Barbara McMillan</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Jay Minkarh</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNHSC</i>	<i>Jen Czysz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Mike McLaughlin</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Gary Webster</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Madeleine Mineau</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Troy Brown</i>	<i>Litchfield</i>
<i>Scott McPhie</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Tom Bayrd</i>	<i>Hollis</i>
<i>Lincoln Daley</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>
<i>Fred Alkind</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Jim Lavacchia</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
		<i>Steve Reichert</i>	<i>Wilton</i>

1. Introductions:

- Deb Loiselle was introduced as the new NHDES Stormwater Coordinator starting on April 27th. She originally ran the NHDOT stormwater program and then worked at NHDES in the Dam Bureau and MTBE remediation Bureau.

2. Meeting minutes from March 15, 2018 were approved- pending spelling error.

3. General Announcements:

- NEWEA is hosting a stormwater conference on May 7th and 8th. Jamie Houle will present on May 8th. The first day will be a tour of LID in Portsmouth and a drive through the WWTP. The second day is dedicated to funding.
- NPDES SB 450 had \$350,000 for an advisory committee and identifying resources passed the senate, the finance committee removed the \$350,000 from the budget and pushed the date out to 2020.
- The 2014 Impaired Waters List was partially approved by EPA. The segments that were not approved are coastal. Partial approval for the 2016 Impaired Waters List is expected soon.

4. 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 eight executed copies: Amherst, Bedford, Hollis, Litchfield, Merrimack, Milford, Pelham, and Wilton.

- Manchester, Nashua, Plaistow, and Derry have their agreements, signatures are pending.
- Unknown communities include: Atkinson, Hampstead, Hooksett, Londonderry, and Windham.
- Hard copies of the agreement will go to the signatory. Coalition members will receive an electronic copy.

5. Update and Discussion on NH Stormwater Coalition Combined Meeting – Seacoast Stormwater Coalition response and brainstorm on next steps for a combined meeting.

- Seacoast Coalition agreed that a combined meeting was a good idea and they suggested a two hour meeting.
- Municipal Association may be able to host. They have large rooms and a central location (Concord) - Sylvia will check into that.
- Agenda brainstorm:
 - Permit objectives, mapping products and activities that are easily transferrable throughout the state and consistent, talk about what each group is doing, talk about preparing universal materials , sharing of resources, NOI consistency, recognition for “gold” star or “green” star residents, landscapers, etc., data, mapping, monitoring, training (landscaper, snowpro, etc.)- recorded webinar, prioritize ways to get the best bang for the buck, authority for enforcement of IDDE (legal advice).
- Idea for a speaker regarding IDDES staff training requirement is the new T2 coordinator. The new coordinator is looking for ways to build the program and would be receptive to new training ideas. Another idea is for someone to come and talk about data quality, how it is sampled and by who.
- What do we want to accomplish? Our objectives are similar and we want to make sure we are working together. Check in with the Seacoast Coalition for suggestions.

6. Update on NOI subcommittee, Jamie Houle, UNH SW Center: Where we can use generic language and next steps for filling it out. The committee includes: Fred Elkind, Milford; Joan Cudworth, Hollis; Dawn Tuomala, Merrimack; Jeannie Walker, Bedford; Craig Durrett, Derry; Madeleine Mineau, Nashua; Gordon Leedy, Amherst; Jen Czysz, NRPC; and Jay Minkarh, NRPC. With Jamie Houle facilitating and Barbara McMillan assisting.

- The subcmt. agreed on fundamental outcomes and format and focusing on what can be controlled.
- Barb and NROC (Natural Resource Outreach Coalition – on the coast) are working on min. control measure 1.
- Madeleine will work on wording McM # 2.
- Everything barring page 1 and 2 is filled out- you will just need to fill out responsible party- DPW, etc.
- Everyone should bring NOI to next coalition meeting and we will fill it out together in the larger group. Bring your computer and have the NOI downloaded and saved. You may need to use the “save as” feature.
 - Q- How does mapping fit in?

- A- That is page 2, it was skipped over. The coastal group is working on delineating watersheds and clipping to the MS4 area. They are hoping it will be transferrable to the entire state with the SNHPC and NRPC assistance.
- Those who have TMDLs are identified in appendix F.
- It was proposed to work with NHDES to develop a list of water quality limited towns.

7. Narrow Down Shopping List of Needs and Priorities- Jamie Houle, UNH SW Center and Barbara McMillan, NHDES: Building off previous discussion and NOI work, prioritize suggestions for potential collaborative project(s) prioritization and plan for implementation.

- Time was limited so this item will be moved to a future meeting. It was suggested that Barb send a list and people can vote on it so that it will be a shorter agenda item. The focus will be on first year items. Jen volunteered to turn the list into a survey monkey.

8. Other Business

- NHDES is offering some VRAP training for municipal interns.
 - Milford, Goffstown, Wilton, and Pelham (maybe) would like to be included.
 - Amherst discussed their experience with doing the training. Municipalities could also use help on what sampling should be done, sampling process guidelines, the methodology

9. Next Meeting Date and Agenda: Thursday, May 24th – **1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** Agenda will be filling in the NOI together. Please bring laptop with downloaded NOI template or NOI form to fill in. NRPC will set room up in classroom style.

10. Nashua Regional Stormwater Coalition “Executive” Session: Troy Brown nominated Madeleine Mineau, Nashua Waterways Manager, to serve as Chair for the Nashua Regional Stormwater Coalition. Seconded. Motion passes. Congratulations (and thank you!) Madeleine!