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Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

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

Thursday, March 14, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Jeremy Bouvier, Chair</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Dawn Tuomala</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>
<i>Gordon Leedy, Chair</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Lincoln Daley</i>	<i>Milford</i>
<i>Michael McLaughlin</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Deb Chisholm</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Sara Siskavic</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Todd Croteau</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Lori Radice</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Maddie Dionno</i>	<i>Southern NHRPC</i>
<i>Michael Trainque</i>	<i>Hoyle Tanner</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>Southern NHRPC</i>
<i>Krista Larsen</i>	<i>Laconia</i>	<i>Michele Decoteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Evan Rathburn</i>	<i>Laconia</i>	<i>Dick Gregory</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Troy Brown</i>	<i>Litchfield</i>		

1. **Introductions:** Those in attendance are listed above.

2. **Meeting Minutes:**

- February meeting minutes were approved.

3. **MCM #4 and MCM #5 – Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control and Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment:**

- There was a handout based on the Southeast Watershed Alliance regulations. The permit says that if these are adopted you are in compliance with the permit.
- The group went through the handout and discussed the changes Gordon has made to the document.
- Gordon asked the group who had stormwater regulations in place, about half of the attendees indicated that their community did.
- Q- How do those with regulations compare to what is required?
 - A- There is a lot to do to get up to speed with current regulations.
- There might be stormwater issues that don't go before the planning board.
- First page- Purpose and Goals: removed non- stormwater goals.
- Avoid referencing other documents in this document.
- Remove back page.
- In 402.0 of the original document it had 5000 sq. ft. Gordon recommends changing that to 20,000 sq. ft. This puts the onus on larger entities.
- Paragraph B states that you can't segment if this is part of a larger development.
- Waivers should be applied if there is a demonstration of why the regulation shouldn't apply.
- Page 2 – volumetric is hard to measure.
- Should work with AOT regulations.

- If treatment and rate are the same then you are in compliance.
- Exempt activities- deleted wetland buffer setbacks for agriculture.
- Provisions that called anything with an impact to current use would drag them into the permit with need for compliance (30% of value of property) you could replace the windows and get to 30% and that doesn't change stormwater runoff.
- Page 9- Volumetric provision and restatement of AOT standards are in Stormwater Manual.
- Operation and Maintenance plans (included) are required to meet AOT requirements.
- Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SBCC) plan is prepared for regulated substances over 5 gallons- was removed.
- Pre-construction needs to be addressed- maybe could add reference to stormwater manual.
- Enforcement, fines, penalty section needs to be figured out.
- Amherst will rely on an attorney to tell them how to proceed.
- The Seacoast is looking into the idea to have everybody accept the same strategy.
- If you don't already have an ordinance you have to adopt one.
- Q- Where are the definitions for this?
 - A- there are definitions in zoning- not sure they are needed here.
- Q- How do you make sure O&M is carried out if property is sold?
 - A- 406 is records 407 is maintenance- look that up.
- Q-Has everyone requiring O&M received the plans?
 - A- Manchester has some.
- Q- Would keeping site plans be better for enforcement?
 - A- Dawn makes then spell out O&M in the notes section.
- Julie LaBranche will present changes to the Southeast Watershed Alliance document at the Regional Economic Center in Raymond on April 10th – keep an eye out for the meeting notice.
- Q- Do you know if EPA will approve these?
 - A-It was always meant to be a living document- so they are pushing ahead.
- Q- Will there be follow-up on the enforcement conversation?
 - A-Yes, but it's important to get a lawyer to look at this –each community should look at this individually.
- Q- Is there intent to have a statewide template?
 - A- Seacoast has some different concerns that we don't have to deal with – it might not be possible to have one document for everyone but there is strength in numbers so it's beneficial to have consensus.

4. Municipality Updates

- IDDE ranking: The subcommittee has a couple of templates they could send out.
- Don't wait on this, actions in the SWMP are reliant on mapping.
- Dawn will talk more about IDDE next month- send input to her.
- Q- Where is assistance needed
 - A- Kits, etc. for testing. It can be hard to get kits that measure to the detection level in the permit, but they can be used for screening.
 - Templates for record keeping- maybe in Collector (ArcGIS)- it is possible for an RPC to host the data if a community doesn't have the right platform.
- Look at the 303d list. Tomorrow is the deadline for comments.
- Waters of the US comment document is out now- no idea how that might effect this permit.
- April 11th meeting should be at the RPC's new location. An update will be sent out when this is confirmed.

- There is a Scoop the Poop flyer available for use.
 - Wilton is doing a flyer with a QR code and they have a spokes dog and prizes for filing out the pledge.
- There is an EPA webinar on March 21st- Preparing your Stormwater Management Program, or SWMP.

5. Status of Municipal NOI Authorizations and Update from EPA on NOIs:

- No one has heard.

6. 1st Annual NH Stormwater Coalition Meeting – March 27th.

7. Updates and other Business:

- EPA Webinar: Preparing Your Stormwater Management Program or SWMP Agenda
March 21, 2019, 1:30-2:30
- 30th Annual Nonpoint Source Pollution Conference (NEIWPCC) April 18-19, 2019 in Portsmouth, NH. <http://neiwppcc.org/our-programs/nps/annual-nps-conference/>
- Energy Efficiency Workshops for Water and Wastewater Facilities Workshops will be held throughout the state: March 13, March 28, April 10 and April 18.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/nhdes-and-nh-saves-18698547976>

- 8. Upcoming meeting dates for 2019 – Mark your calendars!** We will continue to work through and create a SWMP and address the necessary work for Year 1 of the permit. Following are the topics that are planned for the monthly meetings. Please note that topics may change dependent on priorities identified during the year.
- **March 27th** **note this is an all-inclusive NH Stormwater Coalition meeting and will be hosted by the City of Manchester in Manchester, NH.*
 - **April 11th:** MCM #3 – Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination **Location TBD – either Bedford Safety Complex or new RPC office in Nashua**
 - **May 9th:** MCM #6 – Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations
 - **June 13th:** Revisit everything as needed to complete tasks for Year 1 and check in on the status of SWMP.

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Deb Loiselle at deborah.loiselle@des.nh.gov. These will be considered for upcoming meetings and very helpful in the development of the monthly agendas.