

## MINUTES -

### Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

#### Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

30 Temple Street, Suite 310, Nashua, New Hampshire

Thursday, June 13, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

#### Present:

*Dawn Tuomala, Chair*      *Merrimack*

*Andy*      *Amherst*

*Simon Corson*      *Amherst*

*Michael McLaughlin*      *Bedford*

*Jeanne Walker*      *Bedford*

*Craig Durrett*      *Derry*

*Lorilee Mather*      *Geo Insight, Inc.*

*Sarah Whearty*      *Goffstown*

*Todd Croteau*      *Hollis*

*Joan Cudworth*      *Hollis*

*Heidi Marshall*      *Hoyle Tanner*

*Sam Lewis*      *Merrimack*

*Sydney Lewis*      *Merrimack*

*Laynie Rosati*

*Joe DiGregorio*

*Lincoln Daley*

*Andrew Smeltz*

*Deb Loiselle*

*Katie Zink*

*Jeff Gowan*

*Zach Swick*

*Michael Leach*

*Jamie Houle*

*Paul Branscombe*

*Dick Gregory*

*Merrimack*

*Merrimack*

*Milford*

*Nashua RPC*

*NHDES*

*NHDES*

*Pelham*

*Southern NHRPC*

*Stantec*

*UNHSC*

*Wilton*

*Windham*

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

2. **Meeting Minutes:**

- May meeting minutes were approved.

3. **MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach- Deb Loiselle**

- Barb met with Troy Brown (Litchfield) on specific needs. Flyers will be created for the town hall and website.
- She has also met with Milford and other communities.
- Barb is happy to meet with others regarding year one evaluation and year two planning, though she might not have time to meet in person, contact her to work out the details.
- An SOP for septic will be prepared in July.
- NHDES will supply "Get Pumped" flyers in July. This is a State program, "Septic Smart" is a Federal program.
- Q- Are people finding the resources on the Blog helpful?
  - A- Yes.
- Q- Are you using them?
  - A- Yes, and will be.
- Q- Does anyone have feedback to share?

- A-Pet Waste document would be more helpful if it was in mailer format.
- Formatting was difficult on all of them- had to be converted to Word and back to PDF.
- PowerPoint is easier than Word.
- Barb and Deb met with UNH T2 and shared info from last month. They are open to providing assistance and scheduling training. Barb will reach out to the Education and Outreach subcommittee.
- Q- What is the State of the Green SnowPro legislation?
  - A- Unfortunately we are losing the coordinator, Kate Politano. NHDES is putting together language for a municipal GSP program. LSR will be promoted in September.
  - If you know anyone that is looking for a part time position, we hope to hire a new coordinator quickly.

#### **4. MCM # 3 IDDE Program Plan- Dawn Tuomala**

- Handouts were shared.
- In regulations handout- everything in grey should go into ordinances which doesn't leave much for regulations.
- The Ordinance document is from the permit. The Regulations document seems to go above and beyond the permit
- Q- This is legal authority?
  - A- Yes.
- It's easier to change a regulation.
- Living in zoning would give it more authority because in some towns there are personnel in zoning positions.
- The simpler we keep the regulation the more it's probably going to be accepted.
- Q- Is this for if someone is illegally dumping in your stormwater basins- you have enforcement measures?
  - A- Yes.
- Derry uses regulations to expand an ordinance- need to have rules and authority to enforce.
- Dawn will take the regulations document and strip them out so they are just what the permit requires.
- Q- Should there be any ability to fine violators?
  - A- Under 7.8 for SW or 8.4 for IDDE.
- The regulations and ordinances should go to your individual town attorney for approval.
- Catch Basin and Outfall Field Sheet (draft) was handed out- it is in IDDE appendix.
- Q- How are people doing on outfalls and prioritization?
  - A- They all fall into "high".

- UNH could exclude five outfalls and jumped for joy each time.
- You still have to monitor low priority outfalls so it doesn't really help.
- Milford mapped about 95% and hired interns.
- Q- What are you using to collect data?
  - A- Survey 1, 2, 3 on Arc Collector on a tablet.
- In Merrimack most samples can be run at WWTP. Some samples are sent out to an independent testing facility.
- Sampling should be done in August when it hasn't rained for a week to get dry weather flows. Ground water seepage is not illicit.
- Q- What if there is no flow?
  - A- Document it and move to the next outfall.
  - You can reprioritize and lower the rank.
- There was discussion on training verses certification for sampling. Test kits are allowed and there are more requirements for TMDL Clean Water sampling.
- When you find flow, at least one sample should be collected. Analytes include: Surfactants, Aluminum, Iron, Phosphorus, Benthic Growth, E. coli, see page 37 of the permit.
- UNH is piloting a screening for sanitary sewage using 16s ribosomal strains. The cost to test is approximately \$10 per sample. Samples can be frozen for batch processing. They are working on getting it approved by EPA as an alternative method.
- This is not human marking DNA testing; it is a screening method for likelihood of sewage.
- This year they are piloting with UNH and next year plan to work with Dover. They could potentially take samples from other communities the following year.

## 5. MCM #6- Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations

- Check out the Blog under the NH Resources tab.
- The template that Joan presented last month is posted online- this meets year one requirements for MCM #6. Yellow highlighted areas need municipality specific information.
- MCM #2 is on the Blog- this is empty.
- Language from the NOI will be posted soon.
- In the IDDE plan – where there is red- action is needed.
- Examples have a watermark- more work needs to be done by the group.
- MCM #4- Updated on the Blog since last meeting.
- MCM #5- is a year two item- there is a copy of the Southeast Watershed Alliance document on the UNH website:  
[https://www.unh.edu/unhsc/sites/unh.edu.unhsc/files/Final\\_SWA\\_SWStandards\\_Dec\\_201210.pdf](https://www.unh.edu/unhsc/sites/unh.edu.unhsc/files/Final_SWA_SWStandards_Dec_201210.pdf)

## 6. Stormwater Management Plan Template

- There will be a usable Word version coming soon.
  - Goffstown has one they can share as well.
- Q- What 303d list should we use?
  - A- 2016 is for everyone but the Great Bay communities. It was in place before the NOI was due.

#### **7. CWSRF (Clean Water State Revolving Fund) Loans- Planning and Asset Management**

- Pre-applications are due June 14<sup>th</sup>. The announcement has been posted on the Blog under “News and Updates”.
- Q- Some of the questions sound almost the same.
  - A- Cut and paste.

#### **8. Status of NOI Authorizations:**

- 3/9/19 - Hampstead, Windham, Manchester VA Medical Center, UNH, Seabrook, Sandown, Rye, Rollinsford, Pelham, NHDOT, Hudson, Hollis, Hampton, Greenland, Goffstown, Bedford, Atkinson, Allenstown.
- 5/14/19- Wilton, Salem, Pembroke, Newmarket, Merrimack, Litchfield, Exeter, Danville, Auburn, Amherst, Manchester, Dover
- Derry will be posted online
- Remaining communities should be sent out by June 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Deb will send an email to the stormwater coalition member lead when she receives NOI Authorizations from EPA.
- Emails for the Authorization to Discharge are coming from [Stormwater.Reports@epa.gov](mailto:Stormwater.Reports@epa.gov).
- Annual report template should be out in July with a webinar in August.
- Annual reports are due September 30, 2019.

#### **9. Updates and other Business:**

- Federal Financing for Nutrient Reductions: Grants and Lending Opportunities June 12, 2019, 1:00-2:30  
 Go to the following website for more details and to register:  
<https://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/water-finance-webinars-and-forums#upcomingwebinar>
- Annual Asset Management Workshop – Save the Date “Strategic Communication: Holistic Understanding of Asset Management” October 2, 2019
- 2019 Salt Symposium – September 10, 2019 in Concord at the Grappone Center.

#### **10. Upcoming meeting dates for 2019 – Mark your calendars!**

- Q- In December should we meet early and share lunch?
  - A- Yes, perhaps pizza or Chinese food and some people will hopefully bring dessert. Dawn will bring delicious cookies. Paul will be pleased.

**July 11<sup>th</sup>** : Christmas in July – Discuss winter activities and Chloride Reduction Plan and requirements

**August 8<sup>th</sup>** : Prepare for Annual Report (Due September 30, 2019) and Written Catchment Investigation Procedures (Due in December 2019)

**September 12<sup>th</sup>** : Annual Report pending items and MCM #1 Education and Outreach (Planning for Year 2)

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** : MCM #6 Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations (Items due Year 2)

**November 14<sup>th</sup>** : Investigation Procedures (Due December 2019)

**December 12<sup>th</sup>**: TBD – Holiday luncheon and work session??? 

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