

MINUTES -

Nashua and Manchester Regional Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Nashua Regional Planning Commission Office

30 Temple Street, Suite 310, Nashua, New Hampshire

Thursday, July 11, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Jeremy Bouvier, Chair</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Amy Prouty-Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Sarah Siskavich</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Andrew Healy</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>Nashua RPC</i>
<i>Simon Corson</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Barb McMillan</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Megan Dalton</i>	<i>Geo Insight, Inc.</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Lorilee Mather</i>	<i>Geo Insight, Inc.</i>	<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Sarah Whearty</i>	<i>Goffstown</i>	<i>Michael Leach</i>	<i>Stantec</i>
<i>Todd Croteau</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Michele Decoteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle Tanner</i>	<i>Paul Branscombe</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Troy Brown</i>	<i>Litchfield</i>	<i>Dick Gregory</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>John Trottier</i>	<i>Londonderry</i>	<i>David Sullivan</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Deb Chisholm</i>	<i>Nashua</i>		
<i>Colin McMahon</i>	<i>Nashua</i>		

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

2. **Meeting Minutes:**

- June meeting minutes will be taken up at the August meeting.

3. **MCM #1- Public Education and Outreach:**

- Barb presented, she will talk about year 2 requirements in the next few months. The sub-committee will reconvene again in September (approximate).
- There is an Animal Advisory Committee in Nashua that is trying to reduce the amount of pet waste. A private citizen started the initiative. This will include labeling catch basins.
- The Merrimack County Conservation District is looking for three municipalities to do a lessons learned on organic practices, there will be three workshops, they will be held in Franklin, Bow and Concord.
- Q- Will the whole town have to go organic?
 - A- No, could be just one spot- this is a pilot.
- Q- Is this just for Merrimack County?
 - A- Yes.
- In April 2020 there will be another landscaper training. Barb is looking for a community in southwestern NH to host.
 - Derry might be interested in hosting.

- Q- Is this just for contractors?
 - A- No, it could be for Parks and Rec., etc.
- Dover made a steamer to kill weeds- they are expensive to buy- they used a bobcat and created their own. Contact Gretchen Young (g.young@dover.nh.gov or 603-516-6450) to find out more.
- It is a very effective way to kill weeds, it takes care of roots, spores, etc.
- Yard Waste- Updates on the blog have dates in red.
- Barb shared a brochure "[Rake It or Leave It](#)". They are designed to be edited to be specific to each municipality.
- There is a door hanger that will go with it and a press release.
- Septic- Get Pumped brochures and magnets are available. Please take some with you and let Deb know if you need more.
- The Septic Sam banner is available- contact Deb or Ray Gordon if you would like to borrow it.
- Get Pumped has a small subsidy. The [SOP](#) is on the blog.
- The EPA website has outreach material for Septic Smart.
- Q- There is a Septic Smart week in September, is that nationwide?
 - A- yes.
- Encourage consultants to check the blog and get up to date on this so there is no disconnect.

4. MCM # 4 Winter Maintenance Activities:

- Deb Loiselle presented.
- The Salt Reduction Coordinator position has been vacant so they are a little behind. A new individual has been interviewed and will start soon.
- A municipal salt applicator program is in the works, there is currently no certification for municipalities through Green Snow Pro.
- Legislation will be forthcoming to get a municipal program running.
- Reasons to move forward include: cost savings/ less salt; public pressure; MS4 regulations that require tracking; pride and accomplishment; liability – enhanced ability to push back.
- NHDES doesn't have the staffing to certify individuals without fees. The legislation will be for certifying towns instead of individuals.
- The program will include different levels that municipalities can achieve.
- Draft legislation should be out by September.
- NHDES will need to seek a sponsor and hope to finalize this in January
- The goal is to have the program in place by July 2020.
- Q- If the town hires contractors which program will they fall under?

- A- Deb will look into that.

5. Annual Report- Year 1:

- Deb sent an email with the templates for the annual report. There is one for previous permittees and one for new permittees.
- Q-This is in PDF- Do you want it in Word?
 - A- Yes.
- The template asks for what you put in your NOI and what you completed.
- You will need to download the file, save and open it to get it from the EPA website.
- Q- Will we have to populate the template every year?
 - A- There will be a webinar in August- Deb will reach out to Suzanne.
- Nashua likes the format they used in the past.
- Q- Do you have to use this template?
 - A-No- Deb will confirm with Suzanne and discuss the template more on August 8th. Please take a look and let Deb, Dawn, or Jeremy know if you have questions or concerns.
- Simon wants future years' requirements in the template.
 - It looks like they are in this one.

6. Plan for Year Two Requirements:

- We will plan to work through year two as we did with year one. EPA is working on a cheat sheet with when key items are due.
 - Manchester will provide one for this group.

7. 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.
- 6/12/2019- Nashua, Newton, Milford, Londonderry, Rochester, and Portsmouth.
- 6/20/2019- Kingston.
- Derry will be posted online.

8. Updates and other Business:

- 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.

- NEURISA Asset Management Workshop -Planning, Strategy, and Implementation - August 6, 2019 in Lowell, MA.
- UNH T2-The Power of Salt Brine- July 22, 2019 in Plymouth, NH.
- Q- How many people use brine, or are planning to?
 - A- Hollis, Manchester, Nashua, Derry, Merrimack.

9. Upcoming meeting dates for 2019 – Mark your calendars!

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

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

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

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

November 14th : Investigation Procedures (Due December 2019)

December 12th: TBD – Holiday luncheon and work session

