

**MINUTES -
NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting
Zoom**

Thursday, September 10, 2020, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:		<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker, Chair</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Nic Strong</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Brandon Boisvert</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Lorilee Mather</i>	<i>GeoInsight</i>	<i>Lyndsay Butler</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Sarah Whearty</i>	<i>Goffstown</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>SNHRPC</i>
<i>Patricia Kelliher</i>	<i>Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNHSC</i>
<i>Thomas Bartula</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Amanda Furtado</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
<i>Earl Labonte</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Michele Decouteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Peter Howd</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Ashley Ruprecht</i>	<i>Laconia</i>	<i>Dick Gregory</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Ben Lundsted</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Dave Sullivan</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Kellie Walsh</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>A Wesson??</i>	
<i>Deb Chisholm</i>	<i>Nashua</i>		

1. **Introductions:** Those in attendance are listed above.
2. **Meeting Minutes:**
 - August 12th, 2020 meeting minutes were approved.
3. **Poll Question- Year Two Annual Report:**
 - 39% using EPA template, 67% using coalition template
4. **NHDES Assessment Units and Viewer:**
 - Tom Swenson (NHDES) presented.
 - NHDES is working on an user friendly online data viewer to help you with data gathering.
 - The 2020 impaired waters list is being worked on currently. It will be submitted to EPA at the end of September.
 - For Year 2 Annual Reports you should be using the 2016 list. The 2018 list wasn't approved until February which was 8 months into Year 2. Feel free to contact Tom or Deb with questions.
5. **Year 2 Annual Report:**
 - Dawn presented.
 - The NH Stormwater Coalition and EPA Year 2 Annual Report templates were brought up on the screen to highlight the similarities and differences.
 - The certification was moved to the front on the NH Stormwater Coalition template.
 - If there is something in red make sure to address it as this is community specific.
 - Make sure you include where Covid has caused impacts and your inability to meet requirements.
 - NH Stormwater Coalition template goes into MCMs and then TMDLs. EPA has TMDLs first.

- The NH Stormwater Coalition template is filled in, be sure to change to your documents if they are not the ones provided. Make sure to put in your measurable goals and if the goal was achieved.
- If your community didn't get to something before June, especially because of Covid, you can put that in and make adjustments.
- For MCM 2 Public Participation
 - use what you're already doing, such as a Touch a Truck event.
 - Be sure to add the platform and date- not just progressed as outlined in NOI.
- For SSO's if it is being reported through your WWTF permit you don't have to report it.
- EPA wants to see formal IDDE training, UNH T2 trainings didn't seem to check the box for EPA.
- MCM 4
 - Merrimack uses third party inspectors for stormwater runoff control. Inspections are weekly or after rain.
- The NH Stormwater Coalition template is a Word document so you can change it to fit what you want to report.
- Pelham brought up that site plan reviews may happen up to a couple of years before inspections, so those numbers will differ.
- During both Merrimack and Salem's MS4 audits, they reported zero enforcement. The auditor seemed surprised by this.
- Salem uses the optional box to explain how they quantify what they are providing to EPA.
- MCM 5 Post Construction
 - Post construction are in the regulations that were put together. We need to work on this to make some type of a chart for reporting.
- Q- An *as built drawings* section is not in the NH Template.
 - A- Post Construction Ordinance should be changed to include as built drawings.
 - SWA doesn't have as built in their template. If you are making changes to your regulations, you might want to add that in.
- Some of these aren't due until year 4 such as Green Infrastructure. There is template language to cover this.
- Street Sweeping will be similar to last year, just update the numbers.
- The NH template does not have check boxes in the TMDL portion of the template, so you could refer to the EPA version if you want to add any in.
- There is no update on the modified permit changes becoming official.

6. MCM #1:

- Dawn Tuomala and Tom Swenson Presented.
- Poll Question- Would you like Get Pumped Brochures? 56% said yes. An email will go out with pick up location and time.
- Septic system tweets and posts will be on NHDES platforms that you can share to increase septic system awareness.
- There are customizable brochures on the Blog for winter maintenance.
- Tom is looking for feedback on the Winter Maintenance Templates that are on the blog.
- Thank you to Lyndsay Butler (Salem) and Bill Boulanger (Dover) for their comments.
- New UNH T2 salt usage database will be online this coming Monday, September 14th.
- Deb will forward an email from Chris Avery (NHDES Salt Reduction Program Coordinator) when the database is live. You will get the email directly from Chris if you are still part of the system.

7. Poll Question- Zoom breakout meetings:

- Would you like to be part of a breakout session, similar to a subcommittee?
- This won't be every meeting or the full duration of the meeting.
 - A- 80% said yes, 20% no.

8. Updates and Other Business:

- EPA Webinar – Q&A for Year 2 Annual Report
September 15, 2020
2:00 EST
You can register through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/preparing-and-submitting-your-ms4-annual-report-using-the-year-2-template-registration-118951050795>
- 2020 New Hampshire Salt Symposium
September 15, 2020
Pats Peak Ski Area
Henniker, NH
Registration: <https://www.sima.org/training/new-hampshire-salt-symposium>
- 2020 Asset Management Workshop for Water Infrastructure
November 5, 2020
Update: In-person workshop cancelled but will be offering a shortened version remotely. More information coming soon.
- NHDES Local Source Water Protection Grant- MS4 does qualify.
Due November 2, 2020
https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/dwgb/dwspp/lswp_grants.htm

Contact for more information: Bess Morrison, LSWPGP manager at Bess.Morrison@des.nh.gov

The NHDES Local Source Water Protection Grant Program (LSWPGP) has just released its 2021 grant application and provides up to \$20,000 per grant project (annually) to protect drinking water resources. Specifically, grant money is available to develop and implement programs to protect existing (active or planned) sources of public drinking water. The application deadline is November 2, 2020. Activities that protect source water, conducted under US EPA's Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit, including identification, monitoring and elimination of illicit discharges, particularly high priority outfalls that discharge to drinking water sources or within source protection areas, conducting public education and the design/installation of structural BMPs may be eligible, provided they meet the eligibility criteria as described in Section 6 of NHDES grant application. Routine operations/maintenance activities are not eligible.

- Goffstown had outfall questions. Two outfalls are located in the middle of a body of water. They can't sample because they are underwater, how do you deal with that?
 - A- Follow the pipe up and sample at the closest location that is not underwater.
- A private structure outfall near a public outfall. Does she reach out to the owner to have them sample/maintain the structure or just sample it?
 - A- Merrimack would not sample it

- A- Document in your SWMP that it is a private outfall, and because it is not owned by the town, the town will not be sampling it.
- During outfall inspections they found an outfall under someone's deck- it is crushed. They found a pipe that discharges near the town outfall. A private citizen put this pipe system in that outfalls to the lake. NHDES sent a violation to this individual in March. The town was notified in August. The owner is trying to get this pipe permitted.
 - A- Deb plans to reach out to Jay Aube to make the Wetlands and Shoreland Protection sections aware of MS4 issues. Will see if there is an opportunity to provide information on their checklists relative to MS4s.
- Merrimack is going through something similar with AoT.
- Bedford is having people going to AoT for permits and then coming to the town.
- Do we need to develop specific outreach for developers?
 - A- That's a great idea. Tom will set up a meeting. Reach out to Tom if you would like to participate.

9. Upcoming meeting dates for 2020 – Mark your calendars!

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.

- **October 8th**: DWGW Source Protection Grant
- **November 12th**:
- **December 10th**: