

# Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting Minutes

## Zoom meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

### Present:

*Gretchen Young, Dover- Chair*

*April Talon, Durham*

*Paul Vlasich, Exeter*

*Jim Hafey, Hampton*

*Heidi Marshall, Hoyle-Tanner*

*Michael Trinqué, Hoyle-Tanner/ SWA*

*Megan Dalton, Geoinsight/Kingston*

*Lorilee Mather, Geoinsight*

*Steve Landry, NHDES*

*Deb Loiselle, NHDES*

*Sally Soule, NHDES*

*Tom Swenson, NHDES*

*Katie Zink, NHDES*

*Terry Desmarais, Portsmouth*

*Brian Goetz, Portsmouth*

*Jamie McCarty, Portsmouth*

*Phoebe Rafferty, Portsmouth*

*Paul Cazeault, Rollinsford*

*Caroline Kendall, Rollinsford*

*Dennis McCarthy, Rye*

*Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth*

*Amber Ferland, Somersworth*

*Jackson Rand SRPC*

*Nate Mears, Stratham*

*Matt Perry, TEC/Seabrook*

*Stefen Nguyen, TEC/Seabrook*

*David Bowley, UNH*

*Daniel Macadam, UNH*

*Julia Peterson, UNH Extension*

*Bill Arcieri, VHB*

*Britt Eckstrom, Wright-Pierce*

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- 1. Introductions:** All in attendance are listed above.
  - 2. Meeting minutes:** Meeting minutes will be approved when we meet in person, they will remain on the Blog in draft form until then.
  - 3. Tutorial on the New NHDES Website:**
    - Tom Presented.
    - Let Tom know if there is something you can't find. He will be able to help you find it or we can see about putting it back up if it was left off.
    - The webpage is now arranged by topic.
    - You can use the dropdowns from the top or icons on the page.
    - The search feature works really well. The search is in the top left of the page.
    - Resource center has all of the documents. You can filter by keyword, document type and/ or subcategory.
    - There is a "how can I help you" box with dropdowns for common inquiries such as permits.
    - When using the search tool webpages are at the top, documents below.
    - When you are on a page there is a related contents box in the upper right corner of the page.
    - Contacts are at the bottom of the page- they are in alphabetical order.
    - The Salt page has everything you need to get certified as well as courses.
    - You can access wetlands permits from the wetlands page. This will bring you to the forms section of the page but it will only show the wetlands forms.
    - Alteration of Terrain (AoT) is currently under Land Development. We are working on tags to have that pop up in the search.
    - You can also get to AoT from the Stormwater page.
    - For AoT permits there is a box on the Land Development page that will bring you to OneStop.
    - There is also a link to OneStop at the top of the homepage.
    - The employee directory can be found using the "contacts" button on the top of the homepage.

- There are tutorials on how to use the webpage on YouTube.
- Comment- This is already a huge step forward for user interface.
- Q- What additional changes do you have planned?
  - A- There will be improvements on individual pages. Please give feedback so that we can make adjustments.
- Q- Is this also changing for other divisions in NHDES, such as Air Resources?
  - A- Yes.
- Q- What about broken links on application forms?
  - A- Contact the person on the form, or Tom, if there is no contact. Those will need to be updated.

#### **4. Great Bay Nitrogen General Permit:**

- Gretchen Young presented.
- Gretchen shared a presentation that was given in Dover to the City Council on the NPDES Great Bay Nitrogen General Permit (GBNGP). She discussed the similarities and differences between the GBNGP and the MS4 permits to provide some clarification.
- Final GBNGP released in 2020. Feb 2021 is the effective date
- There are 12 regulated communities. They all have WWTPs.
- Reach out to Gretchen if you have questions.

#### **5. Progress Reports and Updates:**

- Gretchen presented.
- Sub-committee updates- the meeting is scheduled for tomorrow.
- MCM #1 subcommittees- Education and Outreach, Pet Waste (met in December)- will update and add options for outreach will meet again in February. Industrial subcommittee will meet next week. We are looking to create a fertilizer and yard waste subcommittee- please let Tom or Deb know if you would like to volunteer.
- SWA SSC fund- There was some confusion about these funds. They are just for MS4 work. The remainder of the funds will be used soon.
- Municipal Green SnowPro Certification is moving forward. Senator Watters is supporting it. It is going to be under the Transportation committee. This has been assigned a bill tracking number.

#### **6. Updates and Other Business:**

- EPA Transportation Stormwater Permit (MS4) Compendium Webinar  
Wednesday, February 3, 2021  
2:00-3:00 pm EST  
This webinar will discuss EPA's "Transportation Stormwater Permit Compendium", a compendium of excerpted permit language from MS4 permits and other resources that can be used and/or tailored for transportation-specific MS4 permits. The webinar will discuss characteristics specific to transportation MS4s and roadway runoff, and will provide example excerpts of State DOT MS4 permits addressing various aspects of stormwater management for linear infrastructure projects.  
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- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the 2021 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for stormwater discharges from industrial activity on January 15, 2021. An email was sent out right before the meeting.

**7. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agenda Focus for 2021 – *Mark your calendars!***

Meetings will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

**February 17<sup>th</sup>:** CWSRF IDDE Project update (UNHSC & Dover), Winter Maintenance and Salt Usage Database

**March 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>:**

**June 16<sup>th</sup>:**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>:**

**August 18<sup>th</sup>:**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>:**

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

**November 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**December 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Gretchen Young at [G.Young@dover.nh.gov](mailto:G.Young@dover.nh.gov) or 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.