

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

Thursday, February 11, 2021, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker, Chair</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Eric Hahn</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Nic Strong</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Mason Twombly</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Brandon Boisvert</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Steve Landry</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Chris Avery</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Sarah Whearty</i>	<i>Goffstown</i>	<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Patricia Kelliher</i>	<i>Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Jeff Gowan</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Thomas Bartula</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Dena Hoffman</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Earl Labonte</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Christine Addington</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Jeremy Bouvier</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Victor (VJ) Ranfos</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Ben Lundsted</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Lyndsay Butler</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Kevin Anderson</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>SNHRPC</i>
<i>Jason Cleghorn</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNHSC</i>
<i>Lincoln Daley</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Amanda Furtado</i>	<i>VA Medical Center</i>
<i>Deb Chisholm</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Michele Decoteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Amy Pouty-Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Peter Howd</i>	<i>Wilton</i>

1. Introductions: Those in attendance are listed above.

2. Meeting Minutes:

- January 14th, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Winter Maintenance:

- Tom, Brendon Boisvert, Ben Lundsted presented.
- The T2 database is focused on contractors not municipalities.
- Brandon and Ben will talk about their experience.
- Brandon talked to his highway foreman to gather data. He was given a general summary of each storm and total salt usage per event. Offline he calculated the lane miles for Bedford.
- Bedford is still working out how to report the way they collect data.
- Ben doesn't get a report for each storm. He puts in a request in the spring and gets an excel sheet with raw data.
- Manchester didn't have data that fit the database so they reported only the total.
- They worked out the math on lane miles treated. They took into account state roads and non-treated roads.
- Manchester also uses brine.
- There are some assumptions that had to be made to get the data into the database.
- On the website you can do a log book versus summary reporting.

- Ben had to re-register because of the new database. He created a user profile and a client.
- The client creation is under the log book.
- There is a search function for an organization or name. Ben looked around for himself and others but didn't find anyone. He reached out to Chris Avery and was provided more information.
- Pat Santoso was contacted and was able to link the old and new account.
- Make sure you have the right name of the person who entered data in the past or contact NHDES to have the old data connected.
- The help button is broken- contact Chris Avery for help.
- Brandon didn't find an account that he could utilize. He went to the website and looked at tutorials.
- He would like to see municipalities be able to use the data from the database. It is hard to balance what is too much data- as that might introduce error.
- It is a good database, but needs to be tweaked to work for everybody.
- An event based report versus client based would be good to have.
- Brandon walked us through a log book entry.
- Chris Avery thinks that more fields will be needed to make the reporting work for municipalities.
- Each storm has a different approach from the town so there needs to be more flexibility. (Note: some storms all roads are treated and some storms only parts of the town are addressed)
- Target rate could be changed to product used.
- The permit says you need to report usage but it doesn't say if it needs to be per event or annual.
- Most contractors report per event.
- Let Chris know what your concerns are so we can update and change things.
- Q- I'm as newbie as you can be when it comes to the Green SnowPro Program. Learning, but new. So, I'm not even sure how to start an annual report because I have no clue who has a certificate number for Goffstown...if we even have a certificate number?
 - A- You don't need a certificate number to set up an account or log data.
 - Ben wasn't able to circumnavigate the system until he had a name. The database showed him as a certificate holder with cert. number 0. If you didn't use the database last year you might need to reach out to Chris or Pat to create you as a certificate holder- This was only for annual reporting.
 - Brandon was able to register by hitting the log-in and then it asks if you are a new user and you can follow the steps to create a new account.
- Brandon cautioned against making a lane mile field verses amount of product as he will be unable to get that type of information.
- Dawn would like to set up a subcommittee.
- Q-How can we deal with brine in the database?
- Jeanne would like people to send how they collect/report to Tom and Chris, Deb, Jeanne and Dawn. They will create a master list.
- Q- Is there a way we can submit our usage as a report or something to be in compliance until we adjust the database?
 - A- Utilize the log as best you can.
- Call Chris with issues and if you would like to connect past data to your new account.
- Make sure to send your input to Tom and Chris, Deb, Jeanne and Dawn.
- Steve Landry reported that Senate Bill 131 for Municipal Green SnowPro is moving. This bill is supported by many groups and we may reach out for more support. Steve will let you know if you need to write a letter of support.
- Q- Is the SB enabling or requiring GSP?
 - A- It is enabling. It will be voluntary. It doesn't track individuals within the municipality, but the municipality as a whole.

- Amherst reduced salt usage by nearly 30% using Green SnowPro. They saved nearly 14 tons of salt per storm.
- Tom shared the Town of Durham’s Road Salt Reduction social media post. This was in response to Deb’s email that went out before the last storm. They also had a video of their plow trucks coming out.
- Did everyone like the email that Deb sent as a reminder for sending a social media post.
 - People seem to like this approach. Deb’s expression was priceless. Watch out for more from Deb.

4. Year 3 Requirement Summary and Plan– MCM #4 & MCM #5:

- Jeanne presented.
- Final permit versus summary- 1:1 correlation except for section 2.3.6. Paragraph A Section and table was removed. Jeanne is questioning if this only affects Seacoast towns.
- Everything on the MS4 Blog from MCM 4 and 5 is still valid.
- If you have any questions reach out to Jeanne.

5. New NHDES Website:

- Poll Question - Was Tom Swenson’s tutorial last month on the New NHDES website helpful?
 - Most questions were answered but some have more questions.
 - Reach out to Tom if you have questions.

6. MCM #1 Update:

- Tom presented.
- The pet waste subcommittee is still meeting.
- Fertilizer and yard waste subcommittee needs to meet.
- Industrial audience subcommittee met. Everyone needs to reach out to industrial audiences twice during the permit term. They worked on who the audience was. They were able to create a spreadsheet with a list of facilities and their addresses. Tom will work on updating the information in the spreadsheet and will separate the spreadsheet by town. **Note:** *This will be a topic of discussion for the April meeting and the updated spreadsheet will be shared at this time.*
- There will be an update on the spreadsheet and message next month.
- For Year 3 if you have a Nitrogen or Phosphorus impairment you should have sent or plan to send out a message for yard waste, pet waste, grass and fertilizer and an industrial message.
- For those with bacteria impairments you should send septic maintenance, pet waste and industrial messages.
- If you don’t have the above impairments, you should send out two messages to the four audiences. Reach out to Tom for assistance.

7. Updates and Other Business:

- **2020 Asset Management Workshop for Water Infrastructure Webinar**
NHDES recognized the Town of Salem for the 2020 Municipal Award in acknowledgement of the work they have done to develop Salem’s Asset Management Program and communicate the value to their public. Congratulations to Lyndsay Butler and her colleagues at the Town of Salem on this award and for a job well done!

To learn more about their Asset Management Program and view a video they produced, go to:

<https://www.townofsalemnh.org/geographic-information-system-gis-town-maps/pages/infrastructure-asset-management>

- **NHDES 2021 Water Infrastructure Financing Webinar Series**
The New Hampshire Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (SRF) Programs will be hosting the 2021 Water Infrastructure Funding Webinar May 4-13, 2021. The webinar will include a series of 2-hour sessions focusing on funding programs administered by NHDES and topics including funding program updates, crafting warrant articles, green infrastructure, energy efficiency, asset management and more. The intended audience includes current/future loan recipients, community/financial decision makers, public works directors, city/town managers, commissioners, selectmen, municipal and regional planners, consultants/engineers, operators, and others interested in the NHDES-administered funding programs. Registration information and a preliminary agenda will be available soon on the [website](#). **Questions/Contacts:** Emily Nichols, NHDES at (603) 271-8320 or Emily.Nichols@des.nh.gov; Kathleen Bourret, NHDES at (603) 271-2902 or Kathleen.Bourret@des.nh.gov.

- **UNH Stormwater Center Trainings**

- Stormwater Management Certificate and Individual Trainings
*Need to take 5 of 6 available trainings to receive the certificate
For more information and registration visit: <https://training.unh.edu/Stormwater>

- **EPA New Multi-Sector General Permit Webinar**

EPA is hosting a webinar about the new Multi-Sector General Permit on February 18 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The webinar will cover industrial stormwater program basics, discuss the structure and requirements of the new permit, including how to renew coverage or get coverage for the first time, and highlight new provisions and changes from the 2015 MSGP. For information and to register go to https://events-na6.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/2448447077/en/events/event/shared/default_template/event_landing.html?sco-id=2465075067& charset =utf-8

- **The Merrimack: River at Risk**

- [Movie Trailer](#)
- [Full Length Movie](#)

- **Stormy Awards**

- Submit your idea for the 2020 New England Stormy Awards. For more information please visit: <http://www.nestormwater.org/website-builder>
Let's get New Hampshire in the mix!
- Due March 1, 2021

- **The New Hampshire Rivers Council Annual Film Festival**

- March 26, 2021
Virtual reception at 6:30 pm and films begin at 7:00 pm
For more information and to purchase your tickets visit: <https://nhrivers.org/film-festival-2021/>

8. **Upcoming meeting dates for 2021 – Mark your calendars!**

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March 11th: EPA Region 1 (Martine Wong), Master Gardener Workshop, Pet Waste Outreach, Fertilizer Outreach

April 8th: Municipal (Salem and Bedford?) presentations on Stormwater Asset Management Programs and how it has helped to assist with meeting requirements (i.e. MCM #6 Section 2.3.7.1.d.ii and others)

May 13th:

June 10th:

July 15th: Note this date is not during the regular monthly scheduled time

August 12th:

September 9th:

October 14th:

November 18th: Note this date is not during the regular monthly scheduled time

December 9th: 🎄 Holiday meeting

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