

Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting Minutes

Zoom meeting

Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Gretchen Young, Dover- Chair

April Talon, Durham

Christine Bunyon, FB Environmental/ N.

Hampton

Cameron Twombly, FB Environmental/ N.

Hampton

Matt Scruton, Greenland

Jim Hafey, Hampton

Heidi Marshall, Hoyle-Tanner

Michael Trinqué, Hoyle-Tanner/ SWA

Megan Dalton, Geoinsight/Kingston

Lorilee Mather, Geoinsight

Deb Loiselle, NHDES

Tom Swenson, NHDES

Katie Zink, NHDES

Brian Goetz, Portsmouth

Phoebe Rafferty, Portsmouth

Abigail Lyon, PREP

Trevor Mattera, PREP

Paul Cazeault, Rollinsford

Dennis McCarthy, Rye

Mike Bobinsky, Somersworth

Amber Ferland, Somersworth

Alaina Rogers, SRPC

Matt Perry, TEC/Seabrook

Stefen Nguyen, TEC/Seabrook

Jamie Houle, UNH SC

David Bowley, UNH

Christine Rinehart, Wright-Pierce

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.

1. SWMP Review:

- Gretchen facilitated a walkthrough of what needs to be updated and included in the Year 3 SWMP. SSC members were instructed to bring their SWMP to compare notes and make sure that we are all up to date. This covered MCMs #1-6 and include updates as we walked through each section.
- You can have this done anytime in year three, but it's better to get it done early as it is your plan for year 3.
- Most of the pages will follow last years, but you will need to update any changes that occurred.
- Dover didn't have any changes to their receiving waters.
- Nothing should change in year one or two.
- MCM #1 Grass and Fertilizer messaging is a spring message- more about this in March.
- There is a landscaper training being held. It may fill up with attendants from last year's canceled workshop. An email will be sent to this group if space is available.
- Julia Peterson (UNH Extension) put together messaging that is Covid specific. Tom is working on updating these.
- Pet Waste- for Dover they will send messaging in April with their license renewal notifications.
- They are still having people sign the pledge with PREP.
- Q- I know these are on the Blog, but can we get raw files for easier editing?
 - A-PREP can either add bleed lines or can provide raw file for in-design.
- Leaf and Clippings messaging should have been done in the fall, but if you didn't do it then, you can still do it in the spring.
- If you are changing the date that you normally do messaging, make sure you note why in your SWMP.

- The Industrial Audience subcommittee met last week to come up with materials for this message.
- Everyone has to reach out to their industrial facilities at least twice during the permit term.
- There is a list of these facilities- there may be businesses missing but this is a good starting point.
- An introduction letter and fact sheet is being prepared.
- The list will be posted on the Blog sometime in March or April.
- Manchester has started with this and shared what they've done.
- The measureable goals should work themselves out with the Great Bay Nitrogen General Permit (GBNGP)
- There are still some *Get Pumped* brochures.
- Rollinsford is planning to mail theirs out this spring.
- NHDES should have a list of septic systems. Tom is working on finding this information.
- Q- Can you subtract the list of homeowners with water/sewer bills and the rest will potentially have septic systems?
 - A- Yes. We are trying to get the information from NHDES but there are other ways to get that information.
- Tom has put together a schedule for messaging. This is broken down by impairment type.
- Reach out to Tom if you are behind on messaging or have questions.
- MCM #2-Public Participation
 - Dover had planned to talk at a DUC meeting but those have mostly been canceled because of Covid.
 - Hotlines, touch a truck, household hazardous waste day, roadside clean-ups can be used as public participation as well. Take credit where you can.
- MCM #3- IDDE
 - This is in its own plan. There will be more discussion on IDDE in March.
 - UNH/ Dover has been working on the IDDE plan and the initial screening for dry weather. The procedure will be circulated to the group for comments. You will be able to update your IDDE plan with this SOP.
 - This will cover coli/ enterolert, handheld monitoring units, and surfactants.
 - They are still working out threshold numbers for each of the tests.
 - The group will need to figure out if they want to set their own threshold values or ask EPA.
 - Q- Has Durham done their sampling?
 - A- Yes. It went well. There weren't really high bacteria numbers but they are going to do some upstream catchment sampling. Out of 65 outfalls they only had 3 or 4 locations.
 - There will be a kit available for use and some UNH staff will be able to assist as well.
 - There are three videos that you can use for training and they can be found on the MS4 Blog. There will be another general video coming in the spring.
 - UNH is going to have another training in March that will be taped and put up on the blog.
- MCM #4- Construction Site Runoff Control
 - People may already have this in place. Pay attention if your codes got renumbered.
 - Third party inspections were an issue with EPA. The hang-up was with how the consultant gets paid by the contractor not the community. Salem and Merrimack are sticking with their current procedures.
- MCM #5-Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
 - Post construction ordinance was due last year.

- Make sure your post construction ordinance is in place by June 30 of this year.
 - Q- Anyone still outstanding?
 - A- Rollinsford is. – Gretchen thinks they have done this.
 - Street design/ parking lot is due year 4.
 - Retrofits is next year.
 - MCM #6- Good Housekeeping
 - Make sure you have your list of permittee owned facilities.
 - You don't need to change this is you aren't changing practices.
 - Keep this up to date if you are making tweaks to this.
 - Winter road maintenance- there are a handful of communities that need to do a salt reduction plan-which is appendix H. If you have a chloride impairment you will need one, which is more stringent than MCM #6.
 - If this is on your website, you can provide a link in this section.
 - Stormwater treatment structures inspection and maintenance section should be filled out. UNH posted their checklist on the MS4 Blog.
 - Portsmouth has started this work with VHB, we are trying to piggyback on some of that work to bring it to the group.
 - Portsmouth is going to try to use PTAP. They will have a webinar or the like, possibly in the fall.
 - SWPPP- the document was completed last year. Make sure to do your quarterly inspections.
 - Annual Report doesn't have changes.
 - Annual requirements. Shouldn't have changes.
 - Nitrogen source plan will be done next year. This ties in with the pollutant loading maps (aka hot spot maps).
 - If you're implementing BMPs you need to track reductions. You can use the performance curves in appendix F.
 - Gretchen shared Dover's Salt Reduction Plan.
 - A template for this is on the MS4 Blog.
 - There is an introduction- Gretchen paired down from what is in the template.
 - Section 2 is regarding BMPS.
 - Salt tracking can be done using the UNH database.
 - The template goes through options such as using brine, pre wetting, snow removal, calibration, maintenance, etc.
 - There is a table for estimating your reductions.
 - Comment- a table per storm would be more helpful because you can't know how many storms there will be in a year.
 - Section 3 is actions for private facilities.
 - Hot spots will help with this. Sally Soule, NHDES sent a map with all the areas with .2 acres which would be 10 parking spaces.
 - For new development and redevelopment, Green SnowPro or approved equivalent must be used for snow and ice removal.
 - Appendix A is a training log
 - Appendix B will be for maps that show buffer areas.
 - This information and the maps are on the blog.
 - Reach out to Deb or Tom for assistance.
- 3. Updates and Other Business:**
- The Green SnowPro for municipalities bill (#131) is with the senate transportation committee. <https://legiscan.com/NH/text/SB131/2021>

- **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/>

- **Dover is working on stormwater funding.** They have a committee that is looking at funding options. They will present recommendations in October to the City Council. There is a great group of representatives of businesses, NHDES and others working on this.
- 4. Upcoming Meeting Dates and Agenda Focus for 2021 – *Mark your calendars!***
Meetings will occur on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

March 17th:

April 21st:

May 19th:

June 16th:

July 21st:

August 18th:

September 15th:

October 20th:

November 17th:

December 15th:

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Gretchen Young at G.Young@dover.nh.gov or 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.