

MINUTES - NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting Zoom

Thursday, September 9, 2021, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

Dawn Tuomala, Chair Merrimack

Jeanne Walker, Chair Bedford

Brian Arsenaault Allenstown

Brandon Boisvert Bedford

Craig Durrett Derry

Jonathan Meunier GeoInsight

Joan Cudworth Hollis

Thomas Bartula Hooksett

Earl Labonte Hooksett

Heidi Marshall Hoyle-Tanner

Ben Lundsted Manchester

Kevin Anderson Merrimack

Jason Cleghorn Milford

Amy Gill

Doug Starr

Sara Siskavich

Andrew Smeltz

Mason Twombly

Deb Loiselle

Tom Swenson

Katie Zink

Christine Addington

Victor (VJ) Ranfos

Zach Swick

Michele Decoteau

Nashua

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Wilton

1. Introductions: Those in attendance are listed above.

2. Meeting Minutes:

- August 12, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Year 3 Annual Report Template:

- Jeanne presented.
- Annual Report is due September 28, 2021.
- July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 is the reporting period.
- Submit to EPA and you can send Deb a copy as well.
- Send additional documents as attachments.
- Be honest, don't lie.
- If you have questions or comments, you can use the group as a sounding board.
- We did so well last year, let's do that again this year.
- Webinar is September 14th from 10-11. It's the same presentation as August 3rd, but the questions will be different.
- If you can't make the webinar the slides are posted on the MS4 Blog.
- **Poll- Where are you in the year 3 annual report process?**
 - Haven't started-0%, Gathering Phase-9%, Completed a portion-45%, Just about done-45%, Done-0%.

4. Winter Maintenance:

- Deb presented.
- Legislation passed, waiting for Governor's signature.
- Ted is going to be looking for the municipal perspective. NHDES wants to formulate something that makes sense and works for everyone.

- The Salt Symposium is September 14th, this will be your first opportunity to give input.
- Ted will be invited to a meeting in November or December.
- Gretchen Young from Dover will be at the symposium talking about brine.
- It is not too late to sign up. The registration link is in the agenda.
- Annual Salt Usage Reports are due for permittees that fall under Appendix F & Appendix H for Chloride. Recommended but optional for all others. Due September 15th.
- There are two options for filling this out. The links are on the Blog.
- The first option is a Word form. This needs to be submitted to salt@des.nh.gov.
- The second option is the UNH T2 database. The help button is broken, if you need help reach out to Deb or Tom.
- Use one or the other option and do that by September 15.
- These options are for this year only.
- Q- Brandon- If we were submitting to the database can we delete those entries and fill out the form?
 - NHDES will talk with UNH T2 and follow up.
 - If you have to use both, be sure to mention that in your report.
- Ben had previously mentioned that the EPA template does not say you need to report on salt annually.
- Deb reached out to EPA to inquire, she has not heard back. She recommends using the optional box to report which method you used to report if you are using the EPA template. It is written out in the NH template.
- Q-Ben- On annual reporting in the UNH T2 system, lane miles or surface area were options the first time he went in and the second time that option wasn't available. It seems to be in a different part of the system. Which you'd have to find if lane miles or surface area changes between storms.
 - Deb and Tom will look into it.
 - Ben decided it was user error.

5. MCM #5 (Section 2.3.6.b) Long-Term Operation and Maintenance:

- Deb presented.
- The Seacoast Stormwater Coalition is working with VHB to create some materials.
- A maintenance and reporting form has been created.
- They are currently working on a guidance document on what to look for and how to use the form.
- Gretchen or a VHB representative will attend a future meeting to present these materials.
- These documents should be available in the next month or so.

6. MCM #1 Updates and Progress Reports:

- Tom presented.
- New resources on the MS4 Blog for septic.
- Septic Smart week is September 20-24. This is a good time to do outreach.
- *Get Pumped* brochure is on the MS4 Blog. It has been updated- there was a broken link in the brochure- the link to licensed septage haulers.
- Merrimack has a baby butt free version of the *Get Pumped* Brochure. The messaging is the same.
- Pelham shared a brochure as well. These are on the MS4 Blog.
- The list of septage haulers is on the MS4 Blog.
- There are several resources from EPA.
- There is a series of videos that are good videos, but not NH based.
- There are social media posts that you can use.

- There is a NHDES video for how to be septic smart that you can use for social media or on a local TV channel.
- You can use these any time of the year, but septic smart week is a great time.
- Keep an eye out for an email tomorrow or Monday from Deb and Tom.
- It is also time to think about yard waste messaging as leaves are changing colors and falling.
- There is a printable brochure on the MS4 Blog.
- Comment- *Rake It or Leave It* still mentions Barb McMillan. This needs to be updated.
- Danville has a nice message on their website regarding leaf litter.
- Merrimack created a *Rake It or Leave It* video that you can share.
 - The Merrimack interns and media department worked on this.
- Merrimack also created a pet waste video.
- Portsmouth has a video as well.
- Bedford created a brochure for their hazardous waste day that you can use as a template. This was handed out at the hazardous waste drop off area. The thought is that these people are a good audience of people that care about the environment. It was a good way to reach people. There were about 250 that went out that day.
- Exeter does messaging using posters at their hazardous waste day.
- Don't forget to check the new calendar on the MS4 Blog for updates.
- Q- If Nashua area communities want to be part of their hazardous waste events contact Mason Twombly (Nashua Regional Planning Commission).
- If anyone would like to share resources on the MS4 Blog, please reach out to Tom or Deb.

7. Updates and Upcoming Events:

- **Save the Date – EPA Webinar for Year 3 Annual Report**
EPA Region 1 will be offering a second webinar on the Year 3 Annual Report. They will provide an overview of the annual report and Year 3 requirements, and an opportunity to ask questions. The final webinar will be held on September 14th.
Tuesday September 14th
10:00-11:00 EST
[Register](#)
- **2021 Salt Symposium: Liquid Strategy Workshop**
Tuesday September 14th
Pat's Peak located in Henniker, NH
Cost: \$175.00 per individual, or, \$125.00 for groups of 5 or more individuals
Note: There is a municipal agenda that includes classroom, workshop and outdoor stations
[Register](#)
- **2022 NHDES Local Source Water Protection (LSWP) Grant Application**
Applications due November 1, 2021
For more information, visit <https://www.des.nh.gov/business-and-community/loans-and-grants/drinking-water>
Reach out to Deb or Tom if you need a map of these areas for your town.
- **2021 Building Resilient Infrastructure Communities (BRIC) Grants AND 2021 Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program**
 - [Letters of Intent](#) due October 1, 2021

- To watch a FEMA recording explaining the NOFO, please click here: [BRIC/FMA FFY 2021 NOFO webinar recording](#)
- You can find a schedule of upcoming webinars and watch prior webinars here: [upcoming/recorded FEMA BRIC/FMA webinars](#)
- NH HSEM Field Representative: 603-223-3663 or Hazard Mitigation Team HazardMitigationPlanning@dos.nh.gov

- **Save the Date – 2021 Annual Asset Management Workshop for Water Infrastructure**

Data in the Water Industry
 December 16, 2021 All Day Event
 Edward Cross Training Complex
 722 Riverwood Drive
 Pembroke, NH

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

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October 14th: MCM #5, IDDE next steps

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

December 9th: 🎄 Holiday meeting – Hollis Barn!

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