

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

Thursday, October 14, 2021, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Emma Rearick</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Jeanne Walker, Chair</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Mason Twombly</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Nic Strong</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Brandon Boisvert</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Matt Wood</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Joan Cudworth</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Katie Zink</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Thomas Bartula</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Dena Hoffman</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Earl Labonte</i>	<i>Hooksett</i>	<i>Victor (VJ) Ranfos</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Lyndsay Butler</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Ben Lundsted</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Zach Swick</i>	<i>SNHRPC</i>
<i>Kevin Anderson</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Mike Leach</i>	<i>Stantec</i>
<i>Jason Cleghorn</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Michele Decoteau</i>	<i>Wilton</i>
<i>Amy Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Alex Mello</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>	<i>Dave Sullivan</i>	<i>Windham</i>
<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>		
<i>Andrew Smeltz</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>		

1. Introductions: Those in attendance are listed above.

2. Meeting Minutes:

- September 9, 2021 meeting minutes were approved.

3. Year 3 Annual Report:

- Deb presented.
- Most people submitted their report on time. There were a couple of little issues. There are only about 5 or 6 that haven't been submitted. That is about a 94% success rate.
- Please make sure to submit if you haven't yet.
- Reach out to Deb or Martine Wong (EPA) with questions.
- The next step will be an EPA review. They hope to have that done the end of this year or beginning of January 2022.
- EPA will meet with NH as a small group to go over any issues with the reports. The intent is for EPA, NHDES, NH Stormwater Coalition chairpersons, and Jamie Houle to meet and then NHDES, chairpersons and/or Jamie Houle will present this information to the NH Stormwater Coalition members. This is what was done last year and we all found it to be very beneficial. It provides NH MS4s with a report on how they are doing overall, and, prepares us all for the upcoming permit year.

4. Year 4 Requirements (moved from item 9 on the agenda):

- Dawn presented.
- MCM #1 Education and Outreach for septic, yard waste, and pet waste are annual. This year there will be another message for developers.
- MCM #2 Public Involvement- some options include: Hazardous waste days, adopt a road/spot program, touch a truck, Eversource Freon event, Education for school aged children, Enviroscape table and demonstration, Partnerships (NHDOT, NHDES, Town committees).
- MCM #3 Illicit Discharge- Dry weather sampling was Year 3, wet weather is year 7 but some may need to start doing wet weather now depending on system vulnerability factors (SVFs).
- MCM #4 Construction Site Runoff Control-same as past years.
- MCM #5 Post Construction Management- are ordinance changes necessary? A subcommittee may be set up for this. Need to start reducing impervious areas, green roofs, infiltration, etc. Inventory and rank has been done.
- MCM#6 is Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping. Chloride problems will be treated the same as in Year 3. Nitrogen and Phosphorus are done (sort of). Continue hot spot mapping. Develop Phosphorus control plans (need to define scope and area of each one) need to come up with a plan and calculate the baseline and reduction.
- Q- Can this presentation be posted on the Blog?
 - A- Yes, it will be posted later today.
- Utilize your Asset Management Program if you have one.
- NH has a SOAK program, hopefully we will have Lisa from the SOAK program present this winter.

5. 2018 Municipal Water Quality Report:

- Tom presented.
- There is an updated list of impairments. This is broken out by municipality.
- Matt Wood (NHDES Water Quality Assessment Program Coordinator) is available to assist and address questions.
- There are no new TMDLs.
- Tom went over the list of communities with new impairments.
- This information is in the 2018 Municipal Water Quality Report.
- This was not sanctioned by EPA.
- There are no Nitrogen or Phosphorus lists.
- All **new** TMDLs are treated as impairments. "**New**" means any TMDLs that were approved *after* the 2017 NH MS4 permit was approved. Talk with Tom for more information.
- The report is broken out by bacteria, chloride and a miscellaneous section.
- There is an Excel spreadsheet for this information as well. The impairments are broken out by municipality.
- This is on the MS4 Blog under Part II: Summary of Receiving Waters.

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

- Deb presented.
- If you haven't done this there is information coming out soon.
- The Seacoast Stormwater Coalition is working with VHB to create some materials (guidance manual, forms, etc).
- They are actively working on this.

- This will be on the MS4 Blog in the near future.

7. Winter Maintenance:

- Deb presented.
- Thank you to those who submitted your annual salt usage reports. We saw compliance from 100% of communities that were required to submit and even one community that was not required.
- NH has a new salt coordinator (starting Nov. 1). Her name is Aubrey. She will be a good fit for this program.
- Ted Diers is looking for feedback for the Municipal Green SnowPro Program. He will attend next month's meeting to gather data. Start thinking about how this can benefit your municipalities and invite others that may find it beneficial to attend the November meeting. Ted will be second on the agenda.

8. MCM #1 Updates and Progress Reports:

- Tom presented.
- Make sure you are doing Yard Waste Outreach. This is a great time of year for this.
- Pelham shared two DIY projects that you can share with your communities.
- Registration for the Landscaping for Water Quality Workshop is now open. The workshop will be mostly virtual on Nov 3 and 4 with an in person component at Hood Park in Derry. It is around \$50.
- There are a lot of ways this overlaps with MS4 so sign up and join.
- Kudos to Craig from Derry as Derry is hosting this.
- Jeanne and Jamie will be presenting at the workshop.

9. Hot Spot Mapping (aka Pollutant Loading Mapping):

- Tom presented.
- Jamie and Sally Soule will be hosting a workshop on Hot Spot Maps. There is a page dedicated to this on the MS4 Blog.
- This workshop is virtual and free. It will be Friday, November 19.
- They will go over how to use hot spot data and reports for each community.
- These can also be used for Nitrogen and Phosphorus source reporting.
- Registration will open soon.
- This is open to Municipalities and consultants.

10. Holiday Meeting and Planning:

- Jeanne presented.
- We hope this will be in person at the Hollis Barn.
- We hope to do a couple of fun things along with the meeting.
- Jeanne is looking for some volunteers. Michele Decoteau is happy to help again. Dena Hoffman will help.
- Joan said that there is a full kitchen and they can play music. It is very large with high capacity and air purifiers were recently added.

11. Updates and Upcoming Events:

- **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.
- **Landscaping for Water Quality Workshop**
November 3rd and 4th
[Registration](#)
- **Training Workshop: Using Hot Spot Data and Reports for MS4 Compliance**
November 19th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Virtual)
Registration and details **Coming Soon**
- **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

12. Upcoming meeting dates for 2021 – 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.

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

December 9th: 🎄 Holiday meeting – Hollis Barn!

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