

# Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting Minutes

## Zoom Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 1:00 -3:00 PM

### Present:

<i>Gretchen Young</i>	<i>Dover- Chair</i>	<i>Rene McIsaac</i>	<i>Rochester</i>
<i>Emily DiFranco</i>	<i>CEI</i>	<i>Jarrold Norris</i>	<i>Rochester</i>
<i>April Talon</i>	<i>Durham</i>	<i>Paul Toussaint</i>	<i>Rollinsford</i>
<i>Sarah Large</i>	<i>FB Environmental/ N.</i>	<i>Jason Rucker</i>	<i>Rye</i>
	<i>Hampton</i>	<i>Jackson Rand</i>	<i>SRPC</i>
<i>Eric Sunderlin</i>	<i>Hampton</i>	<i>Matt Perry</i>	<i>TEC/Seabrook</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Megan Cramton</i>	<i>TEC/Seabrook</i>
<i>Chris Jacobs</i>	<i>Milton</i>	<i>Amber Hall</i>	<i>Somersworth</i>
<i>Lindsay Butler</i>	<i>Newmarket</i>	<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNH SC</i>
<i>Chris Roobillard</i>	<i>New Castle</i>	<i>David Bowley</i>	<i>UNH</i>
<i>Andrea Bejtlich</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Will Powers</i>	<i>UNH</i>
<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Christene Binger</i>	<i>Verdantas</i>
<i>Lisa Loosigian</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Christine Rinehart</i>	<i>Wright-Pierce</i>
<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>		
<i>Jamie McCarty</i>	<i>Portsmouth</i>		

### 1. Introductions

- Roll call will be done alphabetically by municipality or affiliation

### 2. Approve meeting minutes

- October 19, 2022

### 3. Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS) Helpful Hints – Lisa Loosigian (NHDES), Emily DiFranco (CEI), and Gretchen Young (Dover)

- Lisa Loosigian presented
- It is so important to fill out the Clean Watershed Needs Survey! This is how New Hampshire will obtain funding in the future.
- If you have any questions or need more information on CWNS, go to the CEI or NHDES webpage. The survey is located on the CEI page.
- Emily DiFranco presented
- Emily showed the webpage for CEI and went over the survey.
- It's better to give too much information rather than not enough. We need documentation such as a Asset Management Plan or CIP to prove the need to EPA. The main thing for CEI is to obtain this information and then they can sort it all out. When you submit the information, it goes directly to CEI and not EPA. The most time intensive part of the survey is getting prepared and knowing what you need to send.
- So far 20 communities have submitted a survey.
  - Using Dover as an example: NHDES sent the CFRING applications to CEI so they are also getting that information if you forget to submit it.
  - CIP- Drainage system improvements (gray infrastructure), water quality improvement (CWNS eligible) total cost \$3.15 M.
  - CIP- Street reconstruction- Possible gray and green infrastructure. In the CIP, the town only put the total amount cost. CEI followed up with Gretchen to see what % is drainage improvements.

- Why is submitting more documentation helpful? For instance, Gretchen also submitted a Joint Adaptive Management Plan. The Plan showed the cost for BMPs in street reconstruction. This provided the needed supplemental information.
  - You will receive a spreadsheet from CEI. It will contain the summary of costs and any questions they have.
  - Total needs for Dover were \$36 M (CWNS \$26.6 M and State Stormwater: \$3.5 M).
- Gretchen asked: There's a list of projects that Dover wishes were in the CIP. Could they add those?
  - Emily answered: If it has actual documentation like the Stormwater Management Plan, you can add it. Needs legitimate documentation.
- April Talon asked: When we show the needs, is it for certain years or everything in our CIP?
  - Emily answered: The CWNS covers all unfunded project(s) and associated capital costs that address a water quality or water quality related public health problem existing as of January 1, 2022 or expected to occur within the next 20 years. Everything up to 2041.
- April asked if you could open up the survey again to add more information?
  - Emily answered: No, but you can either submit another one or email CEI with the information.
- Please, please, please fill out the survey. It determines the funding New Hampshire will receive going forward.

#### **4. Recent EPA Correspondence**

- Deb presented a recap on the EPA enforcement correspondence.
- Five communities were contacted by the Enforcement Section of EPA. Three communities were new permittees, so the requirement to do dry weather sampling is not due for them until Year 6. However, if you did any dry weather sampling, you need to submit the data in your annual report.
- Please respond to EPA and keep the line of communication open if you do receive an email. Also, please keep EPA up to date on who the MS4 point of contact is.

#### **5. Year 4 Annual Report Updates**

- Deb presented.
- Congratulations on submitting your annual reports! 100% of NH MS4 communities submitted their Year 4 annual reports!
- EPA's goal is to have the reports reviewed by the end of the year.
- NHDES and the coalition chairs will meet with EPA in the spring to discuss how we did on the Year 4 Annual Reports.
- EPA is currently drafting the new version of the MS4 Permit. Their goal is to have it for public review in the fall of 2023.
- You'll receive a letter saying that they are extending the current permit period in the spring.
- The census data from 2020 no longer uses the term "urbanized area" which was how the EPA determined which communities fell under the MS4 permit. In December of 2022, EPA should have a new definition of what an MS4 community is.

#### **6. New MS4 Website**

- Tom Swenson presented.
- The new [MS4 Website](#) is live!
- Make sure to change your bookmarks.
- Thoughts or ideas on how to improve the website are very much encouraged! Please let us know if you have any feedback for us.
- The calendar will have the trainings and workshops as well as the coalition meetings. Meeting minutes and agendas will be on the coalition page under the date the meeting was held on.

- MCMs and Appendix F & H all have their own page to mimic the permit.
- All the Annual Report templates and requirements are on the Annual Reports page.
- The Water Quality page shows the current version of the 303(d) list and the online assessment viewer.
- There are pages for all the NPDES permits. The EPA contact information and links to the permits can be found on each of the permit pages.
- The Permittee-Specific Resources page has a separate page for each community. These pages contain all of the permittee specific resources for each permittee that were previously hosted on the hot spot page on the old MS4 Blog.

## 7. 2020/2022 303(d) Impairment List

- NHDES has created a list of waterbodies with impairments based off the 2020/2022 303(d) impairment list.
- Each permittee's impairment list is located on their "[permittee-specific resources](#)" page.
- **All permittees should be using the 2020/2022 list for all Year 5 requirements.**
- The lists include ALL impairments in or adjacent to the MS4 area, not just the ones that relate to the permit requirements in Appendix F and H.
- A disclaimer is on the first tab of every spreadsheet. If you are listed as having a phosphorus or nitrogen impairment in the permit (pages 21-23 of the permit), NHDES has been unable to replicate those lists. Please continue to use the lists in the permit.
- Gretchen mentioned that we put a similar disclaimer in the Annual Report Template so it is consistent.
- As always, contact Tom if you need any assistance.

## 8. MCM #1 Updates

- Tom presented.
- Yard waste outreach
  - It's that time of year again to do yard waste outreach. The resources can be found on the MCM #1 page under Yard Waste.
  - Please send Tom any feedback or outreach materials you have to share.
- Draft industrial audience outreach materials
  - Year 3 was our first outreach effort to the industrial audience.
  - Tom updated the factsheet and outreach letter that we created in Year 3 to include information on the new version of the MSGP.
  - Tom showed the draft version of both the factsheet and outreach letter.
  - Tom has created a list of industrial organizations and companies for each community who had or have obtained coverage under the MSGP. This updated list came from EPA.
- Chloride outreach materials
  - Tom mentioned that Deb sent out an email with social media posts yesterday.
  - Chloride outreach is not a requirement for the MS4 Permit. If you have a chloride impairment, you could make this outreach as part of your salt reduction plan.
  - Tom shared the flyers and new social media posts that permittees could share with their communities. One post is for homeowners and the other is for business owners. These resources also include a link to a list of the certified Green SnowPro professionals on the NHDES website.

## 9. Year 5 Requirements

- Appendix F and H subcommittee.

- A lot of the Year 5 Requirements are focused on Appendix F & H. Since there are so many requirements, NHDES and the Coalition Chairs thought it would be a good idea to create a subcommittee.
- Does anyone want to be on the subcommittee to create the resources? Please reach out to Tom or Gretchen if you would like to join.

#### 10. 2022 Salt Symposium Summary

- Deb gave an update on the Salt Symposium. It was held at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway in Loudon. A lucky winner got to ride in the race car.
- The planning committee has decided that the 2023 Salt Symposium will be held there as well.
- SAVE THE DATE! Wednesday Sept 13, 2023. There will be multiple municipal tracks.

#### 11. New PFAS Website

- NHDES has released a new [NHDES PFAS website](#).
- Information center- Sampling Map shows all of the wells, drinking water, and surface water that have been sampled for PFAS and what the results were.
- Funding sources are also on there if anyone in your community has questions.

#### 12. Updates and Upcoming Events

- [UNH T2 Trainings Calendar](#)  
November 17th  
8:00 AM-3:00 PM  
Snowfighters Seminar  
[Registration](#)  
\$60.00 for municipal staff- Currently full.
- **NHDES Infrastructure Funding Webpage**  
NHDES weblink: <https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/>  
Information on any available funding will be posted on this website  
**Sign up for email alerts from NHDES pertaining to CWSRF/ARPA/Infrastructure funding opportunities at:** [https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page\\_id=26](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page_id=26)  
Upcoming events and funding deadlines (currently known):  
[https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page\\_id=73](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/infrastructure-funding/?page_id=73)

- 13. Upcoming meeting dates for 2022 – Mark your calendars!** Meetings will occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. We will continue working on the elements necessary for Year 5 requirements of the permit and update the SWMP template as needed. Following are the topics that are planned for the monthly meetings. Please note that topics may change dependent on priorities identified during the year.

#### 2022 Meeting Dates

December 21<sup>st</sup>:

#### 2023 Meeting Dates

January 18<sup>th</sup>:

February 15<sup>th</sup>:

March 15<sup>th</sup>:

April 19<sup>th</sup>:

May 17<sup>th</sup>:

June 21<sup>st</sup>:

July 19<sup>th</sup>:

August 16<sup>th</sup>:  
September 20<sup>th</sup>:  
October 18<sup>th</sup>:  
November 15<sup>th</sup>:  
December 20<sup>th</sup>:

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Deb Loiselle at [deborah.s.loiselle@des.nh.gov](mailto:deborah.s.loiselle@des.nh.gov). These will be considered for upcoming meetings and very helpful in the development of the monthly agendas.

**14. Sign-in Sheet** – Your names will be documented during roll call.