

Seacoast Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Remote Meeting (check your email and Outlook invitation from Deb Loisel for details)

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Gretchen Young</i>	<i>Dover- Chair</i>	<i>Paul Toussaint</i>	<i>Rollinsford</i>
<i>April Talon</i>	<i>Durham</i>	<i>Maddie Dilonno</i>	<i>RPC</i>
<i>Joe Lynch</i>	<i>Hampton</i>	<i>Jen Rowden</i>	<i>RPC</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Mike Bobinsky</i>	<i>Somersworth</i>
<i>Lisa Perreault</i>	<i>Kingston</i>	<i>Autumn Scott</i>	<i>SRPC</i>
<i>Ernie Creveling</i>	<i>Milton</i>	<i>Nate Mears</i>	<i>Stratham</i>
<i>Chris Robillard</i>	<i>New Castle</i>	<i>Matt Perry</i>	<i>TEC/Seabrook</i>
<i>Lindsay Butler</i>	<i>Newmarket</i>	<i>Megan Cramton</i>	<i>TEC/Seabrook</i>
<i>Andrea Bejtlich</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Amber Hall</i>	<i>Somersworth</i>
<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>Jamie Houle</i>	<i>UNH SC</i>
<i>Aubrey Voelker</i>	<i>NHDES</i>	<i>David Bowley</i>	<i>UNH</i>
<i>Brian Goetz</i>	<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>Will Powers</i>	<i>UNH</i>
<i>Jamie McCarty</i>	<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>Bill Arcieri</i>	<i>VHB</i>
<i>Daniel Okuniewicz</i>	<i>Portsmouth</i>	<i>Sam Ashbrook</i>	<i>Verdantas/Kingston</i>
<i>Renee McIssac</i>	<i>Rochester</i>	<i>Christine Rinehart</i>	<i>Wright-Pierce</i>
<i>Jarrold Norris</i>	<i>Rollinsford</i>		

1. Introductions

- Roll call will be done alphabetically by municipality or affiliation

2. Approve meeting minutes

- January 18, 2023

3. Residual Designation Authority

- Gretchen presented.
- CLF has filled a petition to EPA to implement Residual Designation Authority (RDA) in the Great Bay Watershed.
- This would allow EPA to regulate stormwater on private commercial properties.
- Q- Has this ever been done in NH?
 - A- No it has not but, it has been done in Massachusetts.
- We will have more information about the process and what will happen going forward in the future.

4. Water Environment Federation (WEF) MS4 Survey

- Tom presented.
- [2022 National Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Needs Assessment Survey](#) Survey closes on February 17, 2023
- This is **NOT** the same survey as the Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS).
- This survey is much faster than CWNS.
- Gretchen completed the survey recently and agreed that it was very easy.

5. [Watershed Assistance Planning Grant for Sodium Chloride in Drinking Water](#)

- Tom presented.
- The deadline to apply for the Watershed Assistance Planning Grant for Sodium Chloride in Drinking Water has been extended until March 10.
- Please take a look at the grant application again and consider applying.

6. **Municipal Green SnowPro Program Update** – Aubrey Voelker (NHDES)

- Aubrey Voelker presented.
- We are finishing up writing the full administrative rules for the Municipal Green SnowPro Program. The rules should be implemented by late 2023/early 2024.
- There will be three levels of certification that a municipality can get.
 - Standard- Any community/municipality can do it. It mirrors the current Green SnowPro certification requirements.
 - Advanced- There will be a list of BMPs that you can choose from to implement and utilize. You must implement at least two BMPs in the Equipment and Practices category as well as the Operations and Planning category.
 - Expert- You use the same BMP options as the Advanced category but you have to implement four BMPs from both categories.
- You will not be required to submit documentation annually. You will need to make sure you hold onto all related documents for six years.
- There will be an annual audit of a few random municipalities by NHDES.
- There will be one annual fee for each municipality, no matter the level of certification obtained or the size of the municipality. We are guessing it will be around a \$450 annual fee. ****This fee is subject to change****
- All municipalities will be required to submit a Salt Reduction Plan. We are working to make sure everything required for the Green SnowPro Certification is also in the MS4 requirements, so you don't have to duplicate work.
- Each municipality will have a "Snow Boss" to oversee the certification and be the main point of contact. They will be responsible for keeping up with employee training. All others will be required to take the training and will have 30 days from their hire date to complete it.
- To make it easier on the municipality, an employee (Snow Boss) may get certified as a trainer so that they can train other municipal employees.

7. **Winter Maintenance Year 5 Requirements**

- Tom presented
- All NHMS4 Permittees must establish and implement Winter Road Maintenance Procedures regardless of whether they fall under the requirements of Appendix F (TMDL) or Appendix H (Water Quality Limited Waterbodies) for chloride impaired surface waters.
- Permittees were required to establish their plans in Year 3.
- [MCM #6 Winter Road Maintenance Procedure](#)
- If you haven't gotten it done, you can create your Winter Road Maintenance Procedures and fully implement them this permit year.
 - This is for communities that do not have a chloride impairment/TMDL. These are lighter requirements than the following two plans.
 - Permittees that fall under this requirement:

**New Permittees
(Due in Year 7):**

- None

Existing Permittees:

- Danville
- Hampton
- Kingston
- Milton
- New Castle
- NHDOT

Existing Permittees:

- North Hampton
- Rochester
- Rollinsford
- Somersworth
- Strafford County
- UNH

- There is a list of BMPs within the procedures, none of them are directly required but you must implement some so you have Winter Road Maintenance Procedures. You should be getting credit from what you're already doing!
 - Use and Storage of Salt and Sand
 - Minimize the use of Sodium Chloride and Other Salts
 - Evaluate Opportunities for use of Alternative Materials
 - Snow Disposal Activities
 - Employee Training (employees and contractors)
- Annual Salt Reporting
- History of Winter Road Maintenance

- [Appendix H Salt Reduction Plan](#)

- For permitted with a chloride impairment
- Permittees that fall under this requirement:

Existing Permittees:

- Dover
- Durham
- Exeter
- Greenland
- Portsmouth
- Rye
- Seabrook

New Permittees

(Due in Year 7):

- Newmarket
- Raymond
- Stratham

- All communities with chloride impairments must complete an Appendix H Salt Reduction Plan.
- Existing Permittees- The Salt Reduction Plan had to be completed by the end of Year 3 and has to be fully implemented by the end of Year 5.
- New Permittees- have to have the plan created by the end of Year 5 and implemented fully by Year 7.
- In the plan there are required and optional sections.
- All the required sections are clearly labeled.
- If it does not say required in the instructions, it is optional.
- For salt tracking, the UNH database is no longer working. Permittees should use the Annual Salt Usage Form to report their salt use.
- BMPs for Salt Reduction
- In the Training, Outreach & Regulations section, NHDES had created 500 foot salt buffer zone maps to help permittees create low/no salt zones.
 - The 500 foot salt buffer zone maps can be found on the Winter Maintenance page.
- We are going to go over Section 3: Actions or Enhanced BMPs for Privately Maintained Facilities during the March coalition meeting.

- Appendix F Chloride Reduction Plan
 - Chloride TMDL
 - Permittees that fall under this requirement:
 - Existing and New Permittees:**
 - None
 - No permittees within the SSC have chloride TMDLs.

8. Existing/Old Permittees [Year 5 Requirements](#) Review

- For MCM #1 requirements:
 - If you only have a bacteria impairment (we assume everyone in New Hampshire has a bacteria impairment) you should follow the outreach chart below:

No.	Title	Provider	Issuance Date*	Category Covered
1	Septic Maintenance	NHDES	July 2022 to June 2023	Residential
2	Pet Waste	PREP	Dog Licenses Time	Residential
3	Pick from Table	See Table	Anytime	Business
4	Industrial	See Table	Anytime	Industrial

- If you have a nitrogen and/or phosphorus impairment and a bacteria impairment you should follow the outreach chart below:

No.	Title	Provider	Issuance Date*	Category Covered
1	Yard Waste	NHDES	Aug/Sept/Oct	Residential and Business
2	Septic Maintenance	NHDES	July 2022 to June 2023	Residential
3	Pet Waste	PREP	Dog Licenses Time	Residential and Business
4	Grass and Fertilizer	NHCOOP	April/May	Residential and Business
5	Industrial	See Table	Anytime	Industrial

- MCM #2 requirements:
 - All permittees must give the public an opportunity to review and comment on their SWMP each permit year.
 - The SWMP and Annual Reports should be available to the public.
 - This could be met by putting them on your community’s website or having them available at Town Hall.

9. [MCM #1](#)

- Pet Waste
 - Make sure to do your pet waste outreach in the coming months.
 - Can include your outreach materials in your dog licensing mailing.
- Industrial Audience
 - Make sure to get your industrial audience outreach done if you haven’t already.

10. Permittee-Specific TMDL Lists

- Tom presented.
- Tom created a list of TMDLs for each permittee based off the list of TMDLs in the permit.

- Each permittee’s list can be found on their permittee-specific resource page.
- Under Water Quality Data see the 2017 NHMS4 General Permit TMDL List.

11. New Permittee Year 5 Requirements Review

- The requirements for MCM #1 and #2 are the same as for the existing/old permittees. See the Existing/Old Permittees Year 5 Requirements Review section above.

12. Updates and Upcoming Events

- **NHDES Water Infrastructure Funding Workshop**

- April 10th - April 14th
Details and Registration Coming Soon

- [NHDES Infrastructure Funding Webpage](#)

Information on any available funding will be posted on this website.

Use the [email alerts page](#) to receive updates from NHDES pertaining to CWSRF/ARPA/Infrastructure funding opportunities.

All upcoming events and funding deadlines, that are currently known, can be found on the [important dates page](#).

- 13. Upcoming meeting dates for 2023 – Mark your calendars!** Meetings will occur on the 3rd 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.

2023 Meeting Dates

March 15th: Appendix F and H Chloride TMDL and Impairment Requirements, MCM #3

April 19th: Appendix H Nitrogen and Phosphorous Impairment Requirements, MCM #4 and MCM #5

May 17th: Appendix H Nitrogen and Phosphorous Impairment Requirements and Appendix F Phosphorous TMDL Requirements, MCM #6

June 21st: Appendix F Phosphorous TMDL Requirements

July 19th: Prepare for Year 5 Annual Report

August 16th: Prepare for Year 5 Annual Report

September 20th: Prepare for Year 5 Annual Report

October 18th:

November 15th:

December 20th:

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Deb Loiselle at 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 introductions.