

Meeting Minutes

NH Lower Merrimack Valley Stormwater Coalition Meeting

Zoom

Thursday, September 12, 2024, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Present:

<i>Dawn Tuomala, Chair</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Amy Gill</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Ryan Pelissier</i>	<i>Allenstown</i>	<i>Scott McPhie</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Joe Jordan</i>	<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Doug Starr</i>	<i>Nashua</i>
<i>Brian Defosses</i>	<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Sarah Tupper</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Nick Cristofori</i>	<i>CEI</i>	<i>Sara Siskavich</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Craig Durrett</i>	<i>Derry</i>	<i>Emma Rearick</i>	<i>NashuaRPC</i>
<i>Scott Ozana</i>	<i>Goffstown</i>	<i>Andrea Bejtlich</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Nora Sinno</i>	<i>Hazen and Sawyer</i>	<i>Deb Loiselle</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Kevin Anderson</i>	<i>Hollis</i>	<i>Tom Swenson</i>	<i>NHDES</i>
<i>Heidi Marshall</i>	<i>Hoyle-Tanner</i>	<i>Dena Hoffman</i>	<i>Pelham</i>
<i>Kim Kleiner</i>	<i>Litchfield</i>	<i>Christine Addington</i>	<i>Pembroke</i>
<i>Rebecca Balke</i>	<i>Manchester</i>	<i>Todd Welch</i>	<i>Salem</i>
<i>Leo Laviolette</i>	<i>Merrimack</i>	<i>Cory Gucwa</i>	<i>Verdantas</i>
<i>Nicole Crawford</i>	<i>Milford</i>	<i>Christine Binger</i>	<i>Verdantas</i>

1. Introductions

- Deb conducted roll call by municipality or affiliation

2. Approve meeting minutes

- Amy Gill made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for August 8, 2024. Nick Cristofori seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were approved for August 8, 2024.

3. MCM #1

- Tom presented.
- Pet Waste Pledges
 - For any communities that use the PREP Pet Waste Pledges, the [Year 6 metrics](#) are on the MCM #1 webpage. These numbers should be included in your annual reports.
 - Q: If we received pledges in the mail, should we report them to PREP?
 - A: Likely yes. Tom will reach out to Trevor to see if they'd like those metrics. You should add the number of pledges received in the mail to your metrics for your annual report.
- Septic Smart Week
 - Septic Smart Week is **September 16 to 20, 2024**. This is a great opportunity to meet your septic outreach requirements for the year. You can share the social media posts that NHDES and EPA share on their pages. Additionally, there are outreach materials on the [MCM #1 webpage](#).
 - If you'd like Get Pumped brochures, please let Tom know.
 - Merrimack shared that they have found that "flushable" wipes have been causing a lot of problems in their WWTF and septic systems through clogging pumps. NHDES has a [What's Flushable Brochure](#) for outreach on this.

4. October 10 Meeting

- Dawn presented
- The October 10, 2024 NHLMV meeting will be a hybrid format from 1 to 2 p.m.

- Wasserman Park Function Hall
116 Naticook Rd
Merrimack, NH 03054
- The in-person session will commence from 2 to 3 p.m. with a tour of Merrimack Village District Facilities.
 - Merrimack Village District is a separate entity from the Town of Merrimack that has been having a lot of issues with chloride in drinking water due to chloride use from winter maintenance activities. We will get a tour of their facilities and hear about what they have had to due because of this.
 - 12 Berry Lane
Merrimack, NH 03054

5. Holiday Meeting

- December 12 12 – 2 p.m.
- Wasserman Park Function Hall
- 116 Naticook Rd
Merrimack, NH 03054

6. PTAP 2024 Nutrient Reduction Reports

- Tom presented.
- Everyone who entered BMP information into the PTAP database, your PTAP 2024 Nutrient Reduction Report will be sent to you on Monday, September 16. If you don't get an email by Tuesday, please email Tom and we will make sure you get it.

7. EPA Update

- Tom presented.
- EPA still plans on getting the draft NH MS4 Permit out for public comment by the end of the year.

8. EPA Annual Report Webinar

- Tom presented.
- The two webinars held by EPA on the Year 6 Annual Report templates were recorded. The recordings will be available for 30 days and are posted on the [Annual Reports/NOIs webpage](#) on the NH MS4 website.
- EPA made changes to their current and new permittee templates. We recommend downloading the new version of the templates and copying and pasting all of the information you've already filled out into them.

9. Open Hours for Annual Report Assistance and Questions

- Tom presented.
- September 23-30, Deb and Tom are available to assist with any last minute questions or help you might need.
- Please send them both an email to schedule a time to meet.

10. Salt Symposium

- There were six towns from the NHLMV that attended the municipal track.
- SIMA who coordinated this effort will be sending out a survey to get attendee's feedback. Please fill it out since it really helps to hear how the symposium can be improved for next year.
- Poll: Do you plan on participating in the Municipal Green SnowPro for the upcoming season?
 - Yes (1)
 - No (7)

- Unsure (9)

11. Updates and Upcoming Events

- **UNH T2 Snowfighter's Seminar**
 - September 19
 - October 9, 15 and 16
 - 8 AM to 2:30 p.m.
 - [Registration and Details](#)
 - Reach out to UNH T2 if you'd like to host one of these events.
- **PTAP Advanced Workshop**
 - October 10 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.
 - [Zoom Meeting Link](#)
- **2024 Asset Management Conference for Water Infrastructure**
 - October 30, 2024
 - Edward Cross Training Facility
Pembroke, NH
 - [Agenda and Registration](#)

- **[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](#).

12. Upcoming meeting dates for 2024 – Mark your calendars! Meetings occur on the second Thursday of each month, unless otherwise noted. We will continue working on the elements necessary for Year 7 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.

2024 Meeting Dates:

October 10: Year 7 Requirements, Merrimack Village District Facility Tour

November 14:

December 12: 🎄 Holiday Meeting

Please email potential agenda items and/or presentations to Tom Swenson at thomas.d.swenson@des.nh.gov. These will be considered for upcoming meetings and very helpful in the development of the monthly agendas.

13. Nick Cristofori made a motion to adjourn. Rebecca Balke seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.