

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT
MEETING OF THE MEMBERS
DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Members Meeting
Meeting Location:	Newington WWTP – 115 Gosling Road
Remote Location:	https://us06web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZcodemgqDwvE9Ar1ne6OMca8ogTdd-54AF-
Meeting Date:	February 8 2024
Meeting Time:	1:00 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2023.

Motion: CJ moved to approve the meeting minutes of December 6, 2023 seconded by JM.
Roll call Vote passed 7-0

3. Election of Officers

Motion: CJ moved to elect Gretchen young (Rochester) as Chair and Suzanne Woodland (Portsmouth) as Vice-Chair.
Roll call Vote passed 7-0

4. Mid-year review of AMP work

Review of spreadsheet by Gretchen Young

5. Project Updates:

- **a. PREP review of 2023 work and discussion of upcoming “So What” Charettes**
- **b. GB2030 Regional Street Sweeper**
- **Other business and updates**

CJ – Milton always questions what amount of nitrogen is naturally occurring in the lake, not just blaming the WWTP. What impacts the lake and the water flowing past the plant where it is sampled, probably more contaminated with nitrogen and phosphates than people want to realize. A lot of season properties with inefficient and possibly not working. Sand S-Curve between major water bodies where several camps are, well points. If you hydraulically overload an older system, it is forced back into the water table, filtering somewhat through the earth. Fecal counts on lake in late summer, could be high number of failed septic systems. They are pursuing grants to address. 3 ponds association to analyze lake water on a seasonal basis. What can we do offsite study. 9 federal grants or state loans to pursue different things. Paperwork alone is a lot of work, 5 separate projects. Looking at interconnecting with Rochester instead of redoing their plant. 5 year plug project. Never developed a CMOM, collection management plan. Catching up. Milton is new to this, 1985 was when they put in their WWTP, used to just go to the Lake. Bewick and Somersworth water comes from their lake. They are at the headwaters for most of this=is, upping their game to be more of a partner in this. 2 different areas to look at and the need for 2 different grants to address them.

6. Stakeholder comment

MP – stakeholder committee has not taken hold, effort to put a committee together, but due to the technical level of what is going on it has not taken off. What could/should a stakeholder committee looking like? RDA with the EPA and haven’t heard any detailed progress, fully encourage communities to develop effective sustainable stormwater management plan instead of a federal permit. Some bumps in the road, but that continues to be what we support.

7. Public comment

JP – public comment. This DES chart that was sent to her by NH DES, the last time it was

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checked was nitrogen levels in 2016, in the process of being done. Shows WWTP, spike shows 2006. Seen a lot of stuff over the years, the 2006 mothers day flood that triggered what is happening here, the bay is below. No testing going back to 1960, no one has been monitoring, when we were dumping raw sewage flow. Now the level is way done from when started. Where is the levels now? Coline has a new charge, that is what he is working on. Live 2 miles from Toland road landfill. Used to live where they piped the raw stormwater. Unlined dump. She monitors her well, but headed to Portsmouth water supply. Toland has a closed well. Can't image why this is not an issue. Now trucking the stuff/wastewater across the river to the county farm. When you paddle the Cocheco, you can see the stuff dumping in the Cocheco. I have a lot of issues, this EPA is one of them. I think that ought to be important with whatever stormwater you are talking about. GY – ground water is being pumped.

JP – okay right. It's nasty stormwater.

CJ – I grew up in Dover, I remember all the barrels.

JP – why is the eel grass dying, why are the snails not dying. I can't find the data on that.

CJ – that is why we are meeting to get the data

GY – We have So What trends, what is actually happening.

JP – it's not my farm. I'm not responsible for this. The dover rain tax things was a debacle and not solving anything. I want to be involved, this is important to be. Data from UNH is telling me to do one thing and then Cooperative Extension tells me I need to put Nitrogen back in my soil. They use their acronyms and up on your high horses, when this went on in Dover, you didn't let anyone speak. That was wrong. You need to listen to the people, you can just attack us with taxes. It doesn't make any sense. I'm not going to have some egghead tell me in a UNH 4,500 surface solubles and it's wrong. I drain everything, and it all goes to my pond, which goes to the Bellamy reservoir, that has 0 excess nitrogen. And this is my other thing. No one told me how low can you go. When you put crops in the ground, how low can you go – this is a good nitrogen, and then it goes too low and then we're killing fish, algae and anything. You can't do all this to have limits to going too low, if we're too low and are we going to be putting effluent back in to bring it back up?

CJ – this is why we're doing studies in Milton, to find out.

JP – if we are so concerned, why wasn't this looked at when the oil spilled in the bay in the 70s.

CJ – only after things have changed did we realize that things needed to be analyzed and looked at.

GY – this group is looking at all of this, these are great questions. Connect with Kalle.

JP – getting taxes on the size of her properties, how is this going to fix it?

8. Other business

None

9. Schedule next meeting and agenda items

June 6th 2024 1PM Rochester

