

MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE FOR ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

MEMBERS MEETING

MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
 Meeting Location: **City of Dover, Conference Room, Community Services, 271 Mast Road.**
 Remote Location: [https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEQuqvvrT8jHN1coDqzAYvyq6Xwmfa-62RE](https://us06web.zoom.us/join/91512520000)
 Meeting Date: **June 23, 2022**
 Meeting Time: **10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to Order at 10:00 AM. with a quorum of the Members present.

Present:

Members:

Town/City	Representative	Present
Dover	Gretchen Young (GY) Environmental Projects Manager	Yes
Portsmouth	Suzanne Woodland (SW) Deputy City Attorney	Yes - remote
Rochester	Michael Bezanson (MB) City Engineer	Yes
Exeter	Jennifer Perry (JP) Public Works Director	Yes
Milton	Chris Jacobs (CJ) Town Administrator	Yes - remote (joined late)
Rollinsford	Paul Toussaint (PS) Town Administrator	Yes - remote
Newington	Denis Messier (DM) Plant Operator	Yes

Town of Milton and Rollinsford representatives unable to attend.

Non-Members Participating Remotely via Zoom:

Erik Beck, EPA Region 1
 Tom Swenson, NHDES
 Kalle Matso, PREP
 Rene Bourdeau, Geo Syntec
 Hannah Coon, Archipelago Law
 Diana McNabb, Portsmouth, Stakeholder Committee
 Jim Steinkrauss, Rath, Young and Pignatelli
 Matt Brown, USDA

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In person:

Melissa Paly (MP), CLF Waterkeeper
 Mel Cote, EPA Region I
 Sally Soule, NHDES
 Jamie Houle, UNHSWC
 Joshua Wyatt, City of Dover Attorney
 Bill Meserve, Newfields
 Ray McNeil, Rollinsford

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 2022 MEETING (Note: Typo in minutes – incorrectly stated the meeting date as April 4, 2022)

Motion: SW moved to accept Members Meeting Minutes with the updated date change. Seconded by JP.

Roll Call Vote:

Town/City	Representative	Vote
Dover	GY	Yes
Portsmouth	SW	Yes
Rochester	MB	Yes
Exeter	JP	Yes
Milton	CJ	Yes
Rollinsford	PS	Yes
Newington	DM	Yes

3. COMMUNITY CONVERSATION UPDATE -Select Dates for Others Interested

GY did a dry run on community conversations. She talked about how there is lots on going on in Dover to improve the estuary. She put together a slide show. There were a few members of the public – good discussion and questions. The message is always well received by members of the community. Goal is to connect to the public and other municipalities as to

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Motion: SW moved to authorize GY to take any comments she heard today and re-work the letter. DM 2nd it. All members voting unanimously approved.

GY asked to move item 6 on the agenda up before item 5 to allow Matt Brown w/NRCS to speak via remotely. All agreed.

5. POTENTIAL FUNDING/COLLABORATORS

Matt Brown from the USDA stated that there are Watershed funds available to use. Looking for potential communities for nutrient reduction, flooding reduction, habitat and eco restoration. The Department of Agriculture will partner with towns to identify the watershed. He spoke with the City of Dover last week and the first step is to send a letter and identify items in the watershed with your main objective. 20% of the benefit must be rural.

SW asked if GY or Brown can post a link to take this conversation further to chat and educate people. Brown will post a couple of links with his contact information. He is located in Dover on Locust Street.

Paly spoke on Great Bay 2030. The group has been working together for 8 or 9 years. There is a list of organizations participating. NH Charitable Foundation found a donor of 12 million dollars. There are five (5) areas of focus over the next five (5) years:

Habitat restoration, coastal resilience, water quality and quantity, culture of stewardship and community, land conservation awareness. A coordinator will be hired to work for GB2030 to coordinate all this work.

Jim Steinkrauss sent in an application for a one (1) million dollar grant for eelgrass and oyster restoration.

6. REVIEW OF ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Adaptive Management Plan to be updated and resubmitted by July 30th. Updates and revisions are minor.

Regarding the AMP handout, Matso of PREPP stated we are on track. GY went over the wording of this section and made notes to the report so she can update prior to re-submitting.

Regarding PTAP, James Houle discussed this and gave updates. Cote also spoke. Soule and Houle will read through and send GY minor changes. MAAM is on track with this.

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11. ADJOURN

Motion: Jennifer moved to adjourn, 2nd by Mike Bezanson.

Roll Call Vote:

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Matso will be showing a video on work that is being done in Great Bay regarding eel grass and seaweed for anyone that wants to stay behind to view.

Minutes Prepared by: Cheryl Dwyer, Public Works Secretary, City of Dover