

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?z=ZcodemgqDwvE9Ar1ne6OMca8ogTdd-54AF->
 Meeting Date: **February 8 2024**
 Meeting Time: **1:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to Order at 1:05pm with a quorum of the Members present:

Members:

Town/City	Representative	In person
Dover	Courtney Mitchell	Yes
Portsmouth	James McCarty (JM) GIS\Stormwater Manager	Yes
Rochester	Gretchen Young (GY) Deputy Director of Public Works	Yes
Newington	Aerial Write (AW) Plant Operator	Yes
Exeter	Paul Vlasich (PV), Town Engineer	No
Milton	Chris Jacobs (CJ) Town Administrator	Yes
Epping	Jake Roger (JR) Town Administrator	No

Non-Members In Person:

Judy Porter City of Dover Resident
 Sally Soule, NH DES
 Melissa Paly (MP), MAAM Stakeholder Committee & CLF
 Mel Cote (MC), EPA Region 1
 Danielle Gaito, EPA Region 1

Non-Members Participating Remotely via Zoom included but not limited to:

Kalle Matso (KM), PREP
 Lyndsay Butler, Town of Newmarket
 Stephen Cronin Town of Exeter
 Stacy Villanueva (Brown & Caldwell)
 Renee Bourdeau (GeoSyntec)
 Bill Arcieri (VHB)
 Garrison Beck (VHB)

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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

