NHWPCA January 20, 2011 BOD Meeting
Minutes

Attendees: Gerry Curran, John Adie, Joe Laliberte, Kevin MacLean, Dave Lovely, David Mercier, Steve Clifton.


The Meeting was held at the Local Government Center in Concord and started at 1:12 p.m.

Comments on the November 18, 2010 Minutes: None.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted by the BOD.

Trade Fair 2011

The Trade Fair is to be held at the Margate. April 5, 2011 has been secured for the date with the costs being the same as last year. People can check in and stay overnight Monday night as rooms are available. Dave Lovely to call and find out what meal options are available and the cost per head. The speaker from HACH is scheduled to speak at the Trade Fair on nutrient removal instrumentation. Steve Clifton to speak on wastewater sampling program. Total 40 minutes. Underwood Engineers has offered to provide morning refreshments at the Trade Fair.

Poster Contest

All posters are in. ComCom reviewing and shortlisting tomorrow. Will bring shortlisted posters to February Board Meeting for final judging by the Board. Geri is willing to continue fronting the Post Contest efforts.
Scholarships

The Board is hoping to get applications in and reviewed prior to the Trade Fair to make announcement then. Need to determine when applications are due from Scholarship Committee. If applications are due too late for Trade Fair, plan to award at Summer Outing.

Newsletter

Steve Clifton noted that Committee had a year-end celebration for committee members' efforts last year. Chris Hipkiss announced he will be retiring. May need to find replacement for Chris. Committee plans to produce Newsletter quarterly.

Fall Meeting

Allenstown being considered for Fall Meeting. John Adie to head up Fall Meeting.

Winter Meeting

Hooksett being considered for Winter Meeting. Kristin Noel to head up Winter Meeting.

POTY Award

John Adie will head this up again.

New Proposed Legislation

Harry Stewart summarized the 2012 Legislative budget status. The Governor has requested that 95% of the 2011 budget be targeted for 2012 and 2013. There is suspicion that the Legislature will try to make it 80% or 85%. This will cause the SAG Program and such to be under fire further. Harry handed out the attached SRF budget summary document and list of new proposed legislation. Harry explained that the match for Clean Water SRF has been pitched as interest accrued on past lent monies. EPA is close to accepting. This will secure Federal funds into NH, some of which can be used for principal forgiveness on SRF loans. A hearing to be scheduled in next 4 weeks. Then will go to the House. Then will cross over to the Senate in April.

Harry switched gears to discuss many bills are being introduced to delete permit programs and reduce fees. This will come at a very bad time given current State budget shortfalls. The Association should review the proposed legislation to determine what bills the Association might want to speak for/against. Harry then
went through the attached list and provided a brief explanation of the highlighted proposals that will potentially affect water and wastewater that he is familiar with.

**2011 Legislative Breakfast**

It was acknowledged that this year’s date of April 15 really is too late as the House/Senate will already have developed bills by then. It would be better to get with Legislators earlier before bills are created. Shelagh noted breakfast set up for April 20th. Shelagh passed out and went over minutes from last Legislative Breakfast planning meeting on 11/30/10 (attached). After going through minutes, Shelagh discussed issue of calling legislators to attend. Legislative Committee will develop list and documents to distribute to Association via eNews. Shelagh asked Board to pitch calling reps at Trade Fair.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Activities:**  Nancy L.

No report.

**Communications:**  Kristin N.

Dave Mercier spoke on this. See previous Poster Contest notes. With regard to Committee, Dave will be stepping down as Chair and eNews author. The Committee to vote on new Chair tomorrow and eNews replacement. Board asked for Committee to get Committee member updates for Board by February meeting.

**Education:**  Kevin M.

Committee is meeting today to decide on Spring course schedule.

**Legislative:**  John A.

See previous discussion on new proposed legislation and Legislative Breakfast.

**Membership:**  Dave L.

Dave Lovely to look into and report back at the next meeting.

**Safety:**  Gerry C.

Committee had annual breakup meeting in December. Plan on doing small pilot visit to small plants to see how they handle safety. Committee hopes to get Primax in to teach course. Two new members.
Scholarship: John A.

See previous discussion on Scholarship. Kevin MacLean to ask Vinnie Meledez of Rural Water if he would carry the word of scholarship money available to operators. Has this year's money been committed to Boot Camp?

Ops Challenge: Sean G.

No report.

NEW/OTHER BUSINESS:

- It is still a struggle to get information to the operators/laborers at plants as they don't have opportunities to attend meetings or get on Internet. Need to encourage upper management to trickle down information.

- Status of memorial for public works employees who have passed in line of duty? Check with Peter Goodwin.

- Science and Education Conference. John spoke on Geri C's request that Board participate in this again. Will Board vote funds to participate? March 7, 2011 at SNU. Gerry made motion to fund, seconded by Kevin. Yes vote by all six Board members attending.

- Mitch Locker of DES made pitch to Board asking if DES can present to operators at an upcoming NHWPCA meeting to encourage reuse of treated wastewater. Mitch would describe the acceptable methods for reuse that could be considered. Mitch would also like to author article for The Collector on this topic. Concept is if nutrients have to be removed, might as well put water back in ground rather than in river. Consensus of the Board is that Trade Fair presentation is already booked. Would like to have Mitch present for Education Committee at Franklin Training Center. Steve Clifton said it might fit well at the end of currently scheduled BNR session. Board also agreed to set Mitch up with a booth at the Trade Fair.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Next Meeting February 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Hall Street, Concord.
Clean Water State Revolving Fund (FY 12/13 Request = $16,225,952)
- Current need for municipal wastewater improvements in NH is about $1.3 billion (plus stormwater, an emerging issue with unestablished but high need) over the next 10 years.
- Issues: aging infrastructure, capacity & federal permit requirements, such as upcoming major treatment plant upgrades for nitrogen removal in Great Bay.
- Demand for loans is typically $20-$60 million/year and is expected to grow.
- FY 10/11 capital budget request was $0. This put us 2 years behind in match for federal grants. As a result, the Federal FY 2010 and 2011 grant funds will need to be accepted in FY12/13 (the first by September 30, 2011) or the fund grand related benefits (including principal forgiveness ability) will be lost.
- Proposed capital budget request is for 4 years of funding to catch up by receiving Federal Grants for FY 10, 11, 12 and 13 in FY 12/13. Note that we have done this before for 3 years but not 4 years.
- These federal grants are all expected to include “principal forgiveness” provisions as were included in the FY 2010 Federal budget language (for up to half of each $20,361,000 grants that are matched). This would enable essentially grants to “disadvantaged” communities as defined by the state (to be defined). This will help going forward in light of the limits (or no) general funds expected to be available for state aid grants in FY 12/13. Note: federal grant $ uncertain.
- 4% of each federal capitalization grant is set aside to support staff who work with the communities and process the loans. These funds are critical for staff support.
- DES is working with Treasury and EPA to explore ways to use cumulative interest earned as the source for some or all of the state match via bonding as some other states have done. This is a creative approach.

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program (FY 12/13 Request = $6,420,220)
- DWSRF program is similar but not identical to CWSRF program but for public drinking water infrastructure improvements.
- Current estimated 10 year need is about $700 million
- Annual grants are assumed to be $13,573,000- note that this is up from the about $8.5 million assumed in the FY 10/11 capital budget (when 1 year was funded at 20%) to reflect an increase in the Federal DWSRF that occurred under the Obama administration. Therefore, the match must be obtained for this increment of the FY 10 grant to have the EPA grant awarded by September 30, 2011 else the funds will be lost.
- Assuming $13,573,000 in federal grants available per year, the 20% state match is $2,714,600 per year. Note: federal grant $ uncertain.
- These grants are critical to the support of Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau staff at DES since up to 31% of each federal capitalization grant (about $4 million of $13.57 million) can be used for DWSRF administration and other drinking water programs.
- As with the CWSRF, DES is working with Treasury to explore ways to use cumulative interest earned for some of the state match via bonding as some other states have done. However, because the DWSRF is a much smaller and younger program, this effort is less likely to proportionately cover as much of the required state match.
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*DES requested bills. DES priority legislation
2011 Legislative Service Requests of Interest to DES (12/23/10)

To view the entire list of LSRs, you may CTRL + click on the title above for the General Court's webpage on LSRs. Newly added LSRs are in red.

11-H-0023-R  repealing the authorization for energy efficiency and clean energy districts. Prime: Carol McGuire

11-H-0027-R  relative to drinking water at temporary mass gatherings. Prime: Rich DiPentima

11-H-0046-R  designating the Mascoma River for protection under the NH rivers management and protection program. Prime: Franklin Gould

11-H-0054-R  establishing a local option for towns to assess a fee on shoreland property owners for milfoil control on a public body of water in the town. Prime: Richard Drisko

11-H-0055-R  relative to boating safety education. Prime: Chris Christensen

11-H-0060-R  relative to treatments for the eradication of milfoil. Prime: Richard Drisko

11-H-0061-R  authorizing the acquisition of certain dams in the Connecticut Lakes Headwater tract. Prime: Gene Chandler

11-H-0068-R  permitting the audio and video recording of any public official while in the course of their official duties. Prime: Jennifer Coffey

11-H-0086-R  relative to the review and approval of proposed agency rules under the administrative procedures act. Prime: Carol McGuire

11-H-0109-R  authorizing establishment of a pharmaceutical drug take-back program. Prime: Chris Nevins

11-H-0116-R

11-H-0117-R  requiring certification of road salt applicators. Prime: Mike Kappler

11-H-0154-R  relative to the designation of the Oyster River as a protect river. Prime: Mike Kappler

11-H-0155-R

11-H-0156-R  relative to the Connecticut Lakes Headwater Citizens committee. Prime: Gene Chandler

11-H-0168-R  relative to the biennial budget process. Prime: John Cebrowski

11-H-0171-R  expanding the Information included on the state's website. Prime: Kenneth Weyler
requiring the attorney general to join the federal lawsuits relative to health care and cap and trade. Prime: Kenneth Weylar

relative to landowner consent for administrative inspection of land. Prime: Kenneth Weylar

establishing a sunset review process for executive agency and judicial programs and making an appropriation therefor.

establishing an advisory council on disposal of medical sharps. Prime: J. David Knox

relative to smoking within certain areas of state parks, historic sites, and state beaches. Prime: Peter Bolster.

relative to the reporting by state agencies with capital budget projects to the capital budget over view committee. Prime: Candace Bouchard

requiring public notices and hearing of fee increases resulting from administrative rules and requiring legislative approval of such rules. Prime: George Lambert

relative to the RGGI and repealing the cap and trade program for controlling carbon dioxide. Prime: Lucien-Vite WITHDRAWN 12/16/2010

relative to public access to advisory committee meetings under the right-to-know law. Prime: John Tholl

relative to reconstruction of dams. Prime: John Hurt

directing the DOT and DES to study the prevention of further erosion of the east bank of the Exeter River. Prime: Daniel Itse

relative to official oppression. Prime: Daniel Itse

relative to the ordinary high water mark of Ossipee Lake. Prime: Mark McConkey

reducing the assessment percentage of aquatic resource compensatory mitigation. Prime: Christopher Ahlgren

relative to ethanol as an additive in gasoline. Prime: David Campbell

extending the Instream flow pilot program for one year. Prime: Lawrence Kappler

relative to de minimis impact work to restore certain geomorphic characteristics. Prime: Lawrence Kappler

repealing the comprehensive shoreland protection act. Prime: Andrew Renzulli
11-H-0634-R relative to exemptions from on-board diagnostic inspections for certain motor vehicles. Prime: Betsey Patten

11-H-0635-R relative to the property tax examination of water and pollution control facilities. Prime: Betsey Patten

11-H-0636-R relative to notification of owners of upstream dams. Prime: Betsey Patten

11-H-0637-R relative to seepage systems. Prime: Walter Kaney

11-H-0672-L relative to the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative program. Prime: Jacqueline Call-Pitts

11-H-0706-R establishing a comprehensive study of existing seepage systems and potential new separation technologies. Prime: Walter Kaney

11-H-0713-R relative to the administrative appeals process of the department of environmental services. Prime: Gregory Sorg

11-H-0730-R relative to the prevention of the use of pesticides on the grounds of child day care facilities, schools and state parks. Prime: Suzanne Smith

11-H-0735-R repealing the state enforcement of OBD II requirements for motor vehicles. Prime: Edmond Gionet

11-H-0741-R requiring the state to consider using open source software when acquiring new software. Prime: Seth Cohn

11-H-0742-R requiring state agencies to use open data formats. Prime: Seth Cohn

11-H-0743-R relative to class II renewable energy. Prime: Frank Holden

11-H-0754-L relative to notice of determination of minerals affected by mining waste. Prime: Walter Kaney

11-H-0800-R requiring state agencies, boards and commissions to submit a report to the senate and house finance committees on new or increased fees. Prime: William Infantine

11-H-0807-R relative to fire warning devices and carbon monoxide detection devices in dwellings. Prime: John Glias

11-S-0810-R reforming the comprehensive coastal protection act. Prime: Alex Bradley

11-H-0825-R relative to renewable energy portfolios. Prime: James Garrity

11-H-0835-R requiring the governor to consolidate certain agency functions. Prime: Neal Kurk
NHPCA LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST
11/30/10 MEETING NOTES and Information Update

Attendees:
Mike Trainque – Hoyle Tanner; Ned Beecher – NEBRA; Shelagh Connelly, RMI
Mary Jane Meier, Patricia Hannon, Harry Stewart – DES; Linda Gaudette - NHWPCA

NEWEA (per Adam Yanulis) willing to sponsor again and NEBRA wants to co-sponsor along with NHWPCA.
Gerry Curran: incoming President NHWPCA to make opening remarks – need to check with Gerry about availability and offer Mike Sullivan as back-up.

Recognize that the legislature has many new members and will need to reach out as a technical resource and provide some basic information and overview of wastewater in NH, to include funding challenges, needs, and some specific case studies.

DATE of Event – The restaurant Nonni’s located at the Holiday Inn is booked for all Wednesdays in March. The earliest Wednesday available is April 20, 2011.
(Wednesday is the day that the House is in session and most legislators are in town.)

TOPIC: “Challenges We Face Now & In The Future”
7:15-9:00 a.m.
* Welcome – Opening Remarks
* Wastewater 101 – Joe Ducharme, CMA
   Possibly starting with Liquid Assets video (short clip) for broad overview – followed by specifics for NH
* Infrastructure Sustainability and Needs Survey - Kurt Blomquist – DPW Keene
* Financing of Municipal Wastewater Improvements: How this Occurs In NH – Harry Stewart, DES

CASE STUDIES:
* Plymouth – Sewer Commissioner Chair Steve Kahl to talk about their successful upgrade
* Allenstown – Andrea Flanders-Martel to talk about their project
* Closing Remarks

Legislative Sponsors needed from both the House and Senate. Potential options:
   Senator Bob O’Dell
   Representative Gene Chandler

Board of Directors for NHWPCA needs to approve this initiative and assign a liaison to the Committee. Is there potential for meeting at the NHWPCA Winter Meeting to decide on date. Could change venue if we feel need to do the Breakfast before April 20.

Next Legislative Breakfast strategy meeting: Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Concord WWTF.

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