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Solid Waste Working Group

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Minutes of October 29, 2021
Solid Waste Working Group Organizational Meeting
Room 208C
29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03302

Members Present: Michael Wimsatt, Rep. Howard Pearl, Jim Malley, Steve Poggi, Brian Patnoe, Marc Morgan, Adam Clark, Eric Steinhauser, Reagan Bissonnette, Rep. Karen Ebel, Freda Paris, Sen. James Gray, Susannah Smith, Duncan Watson, Colin Kelly, Greg Leahey, Matt Hughes, Dennis Slocomb (late arrival).

Members Present Remotely¹: Lynn Rubinstein

Members Not Present:

Call to Order:

Michael Wimsatt, acting as meeting facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM

New Business:

Members of the Solid Waste Working Group (SWWG) introduced themselves.

Mr. Wimsatt also introduced Michael Nork, Administrator of the newly-formed Materials Management, Education and Planning Section within NHDES' Solid Waste Management Bureau.

Mr. Wimsatt explained that the SWWG is charged with aiding and advising NHDES on matters relating to solid waste management policy and planning. Therefore, NHDES will not be directing the Working Group's activities, and views the SWWG as an independent body. Mr. Wimsatt noted that NHDES has been challenged to address planning efforts over the last several years, and that the SWWG would be an opportunity to provide input in development of an updated Solid Waste Management Plan, one of the tasks outlined for the group in HB 413.

Rep. Karen Ebel provided an overview of HB 413, the bill that established the SWWG, created a deadline for NHDES to adopt updated composting rules, established a new disposal reduction goal, and set a deadline for NHDES to update the Solid Waste Management Plan.

Mr. Nork provided an update on NHDES' progress on updated composting rules and an updated solid waste management plan.

¹ Remote attendance necessary due to logistical considerations

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Mr. Wimsatt asked for nominations for chair of the SWWG. Reagan Bissonnette put forth a nomination for Rep. Karen Ebel. Steve Poggi seconded Ms. Bissonnette's nomination. No further nominations were made. The SWWG voted unanimously to elect Rep. Ebel as chair of the SWWG.

Following her selection as chair, Rep. Ebel suggested that the SWWG hold meetings every other month. There appeared to be general consensus on this. Eric Steinhauser suggested that every other month would work, but the group may need to meet more frequently, as necessary, in response to deadlines. Chair Ebel agreed that the SWWG may need to be flexible based on circumstances, and that forming subcommittees may be necessary at some point, but that will probably be discussed further at a future meeting. There was some discussion of scheduling a meeting for December (before the holidays). Some members stated their preference to set a schedule through 2022. Rep. Howard Pearl noted it may be a difficult for legislators on the SWWG to adhere to a set schedule during the NH legislative session, but because legislative activities tend to be concentrated on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, that perhaps Mondays would be a good option.

Chair Ebel asked Mr. Wimsatt to clarify NHDES's role with respect to administrative support for the SWWG. Mr. Wimsatt indicated that NHDES will provide a venue for meetings, provide technical support for hybrid meetings, record meeting minutes, and other logistical support in terms of printing handouts, etc. NHDES will also develop a website to provide a location to post materials related to the SWWG.

General Discussion:

Members briefly discussed anticipated legislation for the upcoming 2022 session. At present there appear to be several LSRs (Legislative Service Requests) related to solid waste management. Currently, only titles are publicly available, but more information will likely be available by the next SWWG meeting in December.

Chair Ebel opened the floor for members to generally discuss their areas of expertise and interests/hopes with respect to the work of the SWWG.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn was entered at 11:20 AM on October 29, 2021

A recording of this meeting is available at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8698009307120648450>



Meeting Attendance Record

Meeting Topic / Subject: NH Solid Waste Working Group
 Location: NADES - 29 Hazen Drive (Rm 208C) Date: 10/29/21

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| Richard Donnan | Save forest lake | |
| Brian Patnoe | Town of Lancaster | |
| Marj Margen | City of Lancaster | |
| Adam Clark | City of Concord | |
| Howard Pearl | NH State Rep | |
| Karen Ebel | Rep | |
| Regan Bissonnette | Executive Direct | |
| Mark Johnson | Cassella | |
| Sosannah Smith | Coke | |
| Jodi Grimbilas | CKP | |
| Greg Leahy | COO | |
| Eric Steinhilber | Waste Council | |
| Steve Poggi | Director of operations | |
| Jim Bray | NH State | |
| Jim Maloy | UNH | |
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