

**STATE/LEGISLATIVE WORKGROUP**  
**NEW HAMPSHIRE COASTAL RISKS AND HAZARDS COMMISSION**

SEPTEMBER 19, 2014  
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM

**NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office**  
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**MEETING MINUTES**

**Attending:** Senator David Watters (Chair), Ted Kupper (Vice Chair) Representative David Borden (excused at 11:22 a.m.), Edna Feighner, Jennifer Gilbert, Jonathan Pennock, Cory Riley, Ann Scholz, Sabrina Stanwood Steve Couture (for Vicki Quiram), David Witham (for Jonathan Kipp)

**Others Attending:** Sherry Godlewski, Cliff Sinnot, Julie Labranche

Workgroup Chair Senator David Watters began the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

**1. Welcome/Introductions**

Workgroup Chair Sen. Watters began the meeting at 11:05 a.m. Workgroup members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

**2. Recap of August 15 Organizational Meeting**

Cory Riley provided an overview of the August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting discussion and the meeting packet. She highlighted the goals document and template revisions that resulted from the discussions.

**3. Review of Work Plan Materials**

Cory Riley provided an overview of the Work Plan materials. Sen. Watters and members of the workgroup thanked Cory and Julie Labranche for their efforts in developing the workgroup support materials.

**4. Feedback on materials; suggestions**

The Workgroup had a roundtable discussion on the materials and what the Workgroup should strive to accomplish. The following areas were stressed as important for the Workgroup to consider and/or incorporate into its recommendations:

- a. Guidance and support (financial and technical) for communities needs to be considered when drafting recommendations
- b. State has ability to lead with guidance, legislation, executive order, and administrative rules
- c. Capacity for working with communities will be important for successful implementation of recommendations

- d. Coordination and support amongst state agencies
- e. What we can do now is just as important as the big picture of what we need to consider in 40-50 years
- f. Technical and political are two areas of influence
- g. State assets need to be a focus in addition to working with communities
- h. Cultural and historic resources need to be part of the discussion

#### **5. Initial assignments for workgroup members**

Task D: Assess and evaluate vulnerabilities for state assets. Edna Feighner volunteered to lead this effort and will send an email out to the group with specifics.

Task H: Review existing regional adaptation strategies, legislation and executive orders. Cory Riley, Sherry Godlewski, Jennifer Gilbert and Edna Feigner (Cultural Historic focus) agreed to work on this Task.

Task J: Identify legislative actions. All members agreed to begin the “wish list” of items they would need in order to implement climate adaptation measures.

#### **6. Timeline & schedule for Workgroups**

The workgroup agreed to hold future meetings at the NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office according to the following schedule:

October 17 – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.                      November 14- 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
December 19 - 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (tentative)

The workgroup will follow the timeframes proposed in the Work Plan Materials.

#### **7. Workgroup communications – internal & external**

Right to know law applies to work group activities (RSA 91-A). Emails for informational purposes may be sent to the Workgroup, but deliberations cannot occur. Meeting summaries and materials will be posted on the Commission’s website and shared with the other Workgroups.

#### **8. Next meeting**

October 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office.

#### **9. Other Business / Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Meeting notes prepared by:  
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