

**New Hampshire Coastal Risks and Hazards Commission (RSA 483-E)
Meeting Minutes**

NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office
Pease International Tradeport, 222 International Drive, Suite 175
Portsmouth, NH

March 27, 2015
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Members Present

Name	Representation
Borden, David	Town of New Castle
Rice, Rep. Fred	Representative, District 21
Stiles, Nancy	Senator, NH District 24
Watters, David	Senator, NH District 4
Arcieri, Bill	Town of Newmarket
Caron, David	NH Municipal Association
Fitzgerald, Brian	Alternate, Town of Rye
Gilbert, Jennifer (Commission Clerk)	NH Office of Energy and Planning
Godlewski, Sherry	Alternate, NH Department of Environmental Services
Hawkins, Don	Town of Seabrook
Huber, Richard	Alternate, Town of Exeter
Kirshen, Dr. Paul	University of NH
Melanson, Paul	Town of Hampton Falls
Miller, Steve	City of Portsmouth
Morgan, Thomas	Town of Newington
Muns, Chris	Former Representative, District 21
Nyhan, Kevin	NH Department of Transportation
Pimental, Kyle	Strafford Regional Planning Commission
Riley, Cory	NH Fish & Game, Great Bay NERR
Scholz, Ann	Alternate, NH Department of Transportation
Sinnott, Cliff (Chairman)	Rockingham Planning Commission
Stanwood, Sabrina	NH DRED – Division of Forests and Lands
Stephenson, Roger	Town of Stratham
Winslow, Phil	Town of Rye
Wolek, Gail	NH DRED – Division of Parks and Recreation
Wood, David	Town of Hampton

Members Absent

Name	Representation
Becker, Dr. Mimi	Town of Exeter
Bird, Steve	City of Dover
Bowman, Peter	Alternate, NH DRED – Division of Forests and Lands
Carroll, Patrick	Town of Rollinsford
Cormier, Robert	Homebuilders and Remodelers Association of NH
Cushing, Rep. Renny	Representative – District 21
Feighner, Edna	NH Division of Historical Resources
Houle, Jamie	Town of Durham
Kinner, Peter	Town Greenland/UNH Coastal Response Research
Kipp, Jonathan	NH Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex)
Kroner, Shep	Town of North Hampton
Kupper, Theodore	NH DAS – Bureau of Public Works, Design & Construction
O’Sullivan, Michael	Town of Madbury
Pennock, Jonathan	UNH Marine Program & NH Sea Grant Program
Quiram, Vicki	NH Department of Environmental Services
Rice, John	Seacoast Board of Realtors
Ryan, Mary Kate	Alternate, NH Division of Historical Resources
Smith, Raymond	Town of Seabrook

Others Present

Name	Representation
Couture, Steve	NH Coastal Program - Department of Environmental Services
Howard, Kirsten	NH Coastal Program - Department of Environmental Services
LaBranche, Julie	Rockingham Planning Commission
Wiggin, Dori	NH DES - Wetlands

1. Welcome/Introductions

At 9:10 AM the meeting began with Chairman Cliff Sinnott welcoming everyone. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Approval of Draft Minutes from meeting of February 20, 2015

A motion by Senator Watters was made to accept the minutes of February 20, 2015. The motion was seconded by Phil Winslow. Representative Rice abstained. All approved.

3. Coastal Viewer Introduction

Kirsten Howard gave an overview of the new NH Coastal Viewer, which is online mapping tool that includes all coastal resources and hazards-related spatial data in the 42 communities in

NH's coastal watershed. The Coastal Viewer has been introduced through a webinar for engineers, a soft launch party, and at an event at the Great Bay Community College. Kirsten discussed some of the layers and features of the Viewer.

The NH Coastal Viewer can be viewed at: <http://www.granit.unh.edu/nhcoastalviewer/>.

4. Review and Discussion about amendments to Federal Executive Order 11988

Chairman Sinnott began the discussion with an overview of a new executive order that was recently enacted to amend Executive Order 11988, established a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard, and revised the guidelines for implementing Executive Order 11988. The Commission discussed the amendments and standard and their potential impact on the Commission's recommendations and on state agencies.

Senator Watters suggested that the Commission work with the Governor's office on whether to submit comments on the revised guidelines by the May 6, 2015 deadline. He proposed the Steering Committee meet with staff from the Governor's office next Friday, which is the next scheduled meeting for the Steering Committee.

5. Review of Second Draft Consolidated Recommendations & Actions from the Workgroups

Julie stated that the Steering Committee has made some changes to the recommendations since the last Commission meeting. A timeframe key and timeframes for some of the strategies and actions were added to the recommendations list. At today's meeting, the Commission will continue its review and discussion where it left off at the last meeting, which was at Goal 3.

Below is a summary of the points discussed related to Goal 3:

- In the description of Goal 3, add where appropriate, coastal retreat.
- Develop a glossary to define certain terms; tie in terms with the new revised EO 11988 guidelines.
- Distinguish between "structure" and "facility."
- Broaden economic assets to include other economic plans.
- Actions under #3D.4 may be better under other recommendations.
- Suggest using bold font for the topic in the beginning of each recommendation to make it stand out and easy to identify the recommendation.

Senator Watters suggested eliminating Goal 4 and include recommendations into other goals.

6. Commission Timeline

This item was deferred due to lack of time.

7. Next Meeting: April 17th Agenda Items

The Steering Committee will determine items.

8. Draft “2-Pager” Summary of the STAP Report

Kirsten gave an overview of the development of the 2-pager. The Coastal Adaptation Workgroup (CAW) has funding for a graphic designer to make the 2-pager nicer.

Below is a summary of this discussion:

- Representative Rice stated there should be more citations and sources listed and that it should lead off with storm surge and not sea level rise. Chris disagreed that more citations will bog it down.
- Senator Watters suggested that it needs a sentence about the sea level rise ranges.
- Sabrina stated the 2-pager was a great highlight of the STAP Report.
- Who is using this summary? Need to clarify the audience.
- CAW will be holding a workshop on April 30 to give an overview of the STAP report. This summary will be initially distributed at this workshop.
- Richard stated this summary responds to his request to be able to bring something back to his town.
- Bill suggested including a link in the summary to the Coastal Viewer.
- Cory suggested that the summary start with the major climate impacts in NH and the technical information on the back page.
- A 1-page fact sheet about the Commission; also create a PowerPoint narrative about the Commission.
- A conclusion in the summary is needed.

At the end of the CAW workshop, attendees will be asked for their feedback on what they would like further from the Commission.

The CAW outreach team will work on the Commission’s communication strategy.

9. Public Comment

None

10. Other Business

None

11. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 PM.