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## RPC TAC MEETING

### Minutes

April 27, 2017

RPC Conference Room

**Members Present:** Art Ditto, Chair, Rye; Richard McDermott, Hampton Falls; Robert Clark, Atkinson; Joan Whitney, Kensington; Steve Gerrato, Greenland; Eric Eby, Portsmouth; Richard Hartung, Hampstead; Dave Baxter, Seabrook; Rad Nichols, COAST; and Elizabeth Strachan.

**Others Present:** Don Woodward, Exeter Rail Station Committee.

**Staff Present:** Dave Walker, Scott Bogle, Jenn Rowden, Christian Matthews and Roxanne Rines, RPC.

### Meeting Opened at 9:01 a.m.

#### 1. Introductions

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what municipality they were from or the agency they represented.

#### 2. Minutes of March 23, 2017, TAC Meeting

**Motion:** **Woodward** made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2017, as written. **Gerrato** seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

#### 3. Volkswagon Diesel Settlement Update

**Strachan** reviewed how the problem was discovered, gave an overview of the steps taken to correct; the final outcome; and how the settlement will be distributed. Discussion ensued about how NH DOT will spend the money, if transit providers or municipalities will receive any. A memo was distributed and asked to get any comments to Tim White at NH DES.

#### 4. RPC Transportation Related Environmental Activities

- a. MS4 Stormwater Management – **LaBranche** gave a powerpoint presentation reviewing the permit background; the primary elements; the regional stormwater goals; coordination between municipalities and DOT; and permit work in the region to be completed.

She explained how staff will help municipalities with a technical assistance program, which is still being completed. The RPC will hold a MS-4 workshop in early summer. Discussion ensued.

- b. Stream Crossing Vulnerability Assessment Update – **Rowden** updated the committee on the Regional Stream Crossing Assessment program, only 3 towns remain, which will be completed this summer with interns.

The purpose of the program is to: provide assessment of current conditions; help prioritize crossing retrofits and/or replacements; incorporate the information into regional/local hazard mitigation plans; give vulnerability assessments; and provide site-specific restoration and mitigation projects. Discussion ensued.

- c. Climate Change & Hazardous Mitigation – LaBranche reviewed how the integrating climate change in municipal planning can be achieved using: The Tides to Storms Vulnerability Assessments; and Climate Risk in the Seacoast (C-Rise). She reviewed how the results will be included in Hazard Mitigation Plans and Master Plans. Discussion ensued.

## 5. **CMAQ Funding Round Update**

**Bogle** stated NH DOT will hold a CMAQ funding round in 2017. He reviewed the results of the revised project eligibility criteria and application process. There should be about \$20 million funding for use statewide. A specific timeframe and date of the process has not been released by DOT yet.

## 6. **Seacoast Bike Month& Bike/Walk to Work Day**

**Bogle** reviewed the Bike/Walk to work program and how it has extended from a week to the entire month of May. He encouraged all to participate to some extent: biking, walking, telecommuting, carpooling amongst other ways to keep your vehicle at home. Both Bogle and Nichols reviewed number of companies and individuals who participated.

## 7. **Project Updates**

A handout was distributed with other project updates and discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines  
Recording Secretary