

New Hampshire Drinking Water & Groundwater
Trust Fund Advisory Commission
November 12, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Sen. Chuck Morse, Chair	Clark Freise, Asst. Comm. DES	William Boyd, III
Sen. Tom Sherman, Vice Chair	Christopher Way	Marco Philippon
Rep. Deborah Hobson	Robert Scott	Paul Sanderson
Rep. Kevin Maes	Bernie Rousseau	Lisa Morris
Hon. Rick Russman	Rodney Bartlett	Jason Gagnon
		Andrea Kenter

Meeting convened at 10:05 a.m.

Motion to accept September 2019 Meeting Minutes by Sen. Sherman
Second by Rep. Kevin Maes
15-0-1 (Abstention from Lisa Morris / absent)

Motion to accept October 2019 Meeting Minutes by Sen. Sherman
Second by Bernard Rousseau
15-0-1 (Abstention from Robert Scott / absent)

Chairman Morse: Thank you to all members for attending the meetings and for the hard work to get these applications approved. Back in October we learned there was about \$10M available, assuming \$2M would be used for Source Water Protection. We will see where we end up today.

There is still a lot of work to do informing the public on how to apply to our Committee. Approximately 75% of the applications have been rejected because the processes we put in place were not followed. Approximately 25% we will be discussing today. The main point that needs to be understood is that our Commission needs to be the last stop in the funding process.

We are doing some great things. There is excitement about the Southern Tier Project and the pumping station in Derry. This has been a fulltime commitment for the Department.

Presentation of the Source Water Protection Grant Program Funding Recommendation List

Senator Sherman: Source Water Funding Program Subcommittee Chair with NH DES

Sen. Sherman: The committee gave low priority to Exeter and Stratham because there was not the urgency or priority to ground water or well head protection that some of the other projects had.

Dunbarton – Five Rivers was ranked high priority by the committee.

Portsmouth – Bellamy Reservoir is a primary water source in Portsmouth – 100% of the parcel was in the hydrological area of concern.

Rindge-Jaffrey - this project ranked high contingent on the environmental assessment coming back showing no contamination.

Southeast Land Trust – Lake Massabesic – 59% was within the hydrological area of concern

Surry Mountain – 1100 acres with 252 acres within Keen’s wellhead protection area

Somersworth – 40-acre parcel all in the wellhead protection area.

Oyster River – Emerson. This was felt to be an excellent project and had multiple sources of funding.

Paul Susca, Revolving Loan Funds – DES

With the projects that are being recommended for funding there is a total of 683 acres of eligible land.

E. Holmes, DES

In December this table will be updated with just the recommended list for a vote and will also include the contingency for Rindge and Jaffrey.

Senator Sherman made a motion to accept his report.

William Boyd, III seconds.

Unanimous Consent.

E. Holmes, DES

13 out of 50 projects are being recommended for funding by the subcommittees. The total Grant request is about \$2.59M. The amount requested for Loan is 3.96M. This is a total of \$6.55M requested right now.

Subcommittee A: Jason Gagnon, New Hampshire Water Pollution Control Association

Sanbornville Water Precinct Infrastructure Improvements – Grant only request \$100,000. Was our highest priority.

Village District of Eidelweiss was of moderate priority – Grant only project \$295,000.

Hooksett Village Water Precinct – Grant only \$444,000.

Lower Bartlett Project should be moved to special project.

Discussion Continued.

Jason Gagnon motion to move Lower Bartlett Project to **Special Projects**.

Clark Freise second.

Unanimous consent.

Jason Gagnon motion to approve Eidelweiss Project.

William Boyd III second.

15-1-0 (Robert Scott - Nay)
Motion adopted.

Jason Gagnon motion to approve Hooksett Village Water Precinct.
Paul Sanderson second.
Discussion continued.

Jason Gagnon withdrew motion and Paul Sanderson withdrew his second.

Clark Freise motioned Hooksett be removed from project list and resubmit application as a **SPECIAL PROJECT**.
William Boyd III second.
Unanimous consent.

Subcommittee B – Bernard Rousseau Chair, Christopher Way, Spokesperson.
Christopher Way, Department of Business and Economic Affairs

We decided on 2 projects and 1 special project.

Freedom Village Mobile Home Park – Grant Request of \$750,000. Loan Request of \$750,000.
Lisbon Water System Infrastructure Upgrades Source Development – Grant only request of \$100,000.

Town of Peterborough, the Cold Springs Well – this is a very important project and we'd like to see the funding scheme develop further. Special Project discussion is warranted.

Town of Canaan – Honorable Mention. We want them to apply again after they leverage more funding sources.

Sen. Sherman motioned to accept Freedom and Lisbon projects for funding list.
Peterborough and Jaffrey projects to be added onto the **SPECIAL PROJECTS** list.
Christopher Way second.
Unanimous consent.

Chair Morse added that Canaan and Lancaster though not approved at this point will be monitored by the Department as **SPECIAL PROJECTS**.

Subcommittee C – Senator Sherman Chair, Rodney Bartlett, Spokesperson
Rodney Bartlett, Public Member

Acorn Terrace Cooperative – Grant only \$205,000.
Beebe River Community Association – Grant only \$50,000
Ossipee Mountain Estate Cooperative – Grant only \$350,000.

Rodney Bartlett moved that all three projects be listed on the accepted project list for December.

Sen. Sherman second.
Unanimous consent.

Continued.... Subcommittee C – Rodney Bartlett
Epping Water & Sewer Commission – Grant only \$780,000. In addition to other funding sources sought and received from SRF and MtBE.

Sen. Sherman moves to forward Epping Water & Sewer onto the December funding recommendations list.

Christopher Way second.
15-0-1 (Sen. Morse abstains)

Subcommittee D – William Boyd III, Chairman and Spokesperson

Fifteen projects in total. The committee deferred 2 projects to Special Project status, 8 were not recommended and 5 were recommended to move forward to the December funding Recommendation List.

Windham - MtBE and PFC contamination issues – referred to **SPECIAL PROJECTS**
Pelham - 1.4 Dioxane contamination issues – referred to **SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Motion to move to Special Projects List by William Boyd, III
As presented
Unanimous consent.

Not recommended because they did not fit the DWGTF's Model

Andover
Marlborough
Sleepy Hollow
Abenaki
Totem Pole,
Louisberg Circle
Kings Highway
Derryfield Pump Station & Manchester Water Works

Five Projects Recommended:

North Conway Water Precinct – 2 R Control Building - \$300,000 Grant/\$790,000 Loan
Manchester Water Works – Dam improvements - \$1,000,000 Loan
Rye - Garland Road Pump Station - \$800,000 Loan
Rye – Wallis Road Water Main - \$315,000 Loan
Montrose Condominiums, Stratham - \$300,000 Loan

Sen. Sherman moves to accept North Conway Water Precinct onto December's Project Funding recommendations list.

Mr. Phillipon second.
15-0-1 (J. Gagnon abstained)

William Boyd, III moves to accept Manchester Water Works onto December's Project funding recommendations list.

Mr. Phillipon second.
Unanimous consent.

William Boyd, III moves to accept Rye Garland Road Pump Station onto December's Project Funding recommendations list.

Mr. Freise second.
15-0-1 (Sen. Sherman abstained)

William Boyd, III moves to accept Montrose Condominiums in Stratham onto December's Project Funding recommendations list.

Mr. Rousseau second.
Unanimous consent.

William Boyd, III moves to accept Rye Wallis Road Water Main onto December's Project Funding recommendations list.

Mr. Phillipon second.
15-0-1 (Sen. Sherman abstained)

Clark Freise moves to put Lower Bartlett Water Project onto SPECIAL PROJECTS list to improve application.

William Boyd, III second.
Unanimous consent.

Next meeting is December 9th.

Motion to adjourn by William Boyd, III at 12 PM.

Mr. Phillipon second.
Unanimous Consent.

