

Drinking Water and Groundwater Trust Fund May 11, 2020

May 2020 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Senator Chuck Morse	Clark Freise	Fmr. Sen Rick Russman
Senator Tom Sherman	Jason Gagnon	Paul Sanderson
Rep Deb Hobson	Andrea Kenter	Bernie Rousseau
Rep Kevin Maes	Rachel Miller	Robert Scott
Rodney Bartlett	Marco Philippon	

Meeting started at 10:00 AM

Opening Remarks - Chairman Morse

Minute approval for March 2020 - Sen. Morse changes to March minutes. Peterborough Jaffrey is just a vote of support for the minutes. Will change to reflect correct. No additional money going out, just support for project.

Typos - Erin Holmes - cleaned up (from clean up)

Page 3 - Chairman Morse, asst Clark Freise.

Page 4 - Storage tank (not storage tan)

Sen. Russman (not Sen. Russell)

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Motion to approve - Marco Philippon with changes

Rick Russman second.

Motion adopted 14-0-0

2020 Funding Program Award Discussion - Erin Holmes, DES

Changes to the Process:

1 - The Commission has authorized DES to determine eligibility of the funding approximations with respect to project readiness prior to the review by the Commission.

Two submittals must be included with the funding applications to demonstrated project readiness:

- *Authority to Submit a Funding Application

- *Planning Document

 - Existing Conditions

 - Project Need

 - Basis of Design (flow rate, contaminant concentrations, pressures, etc)

 - Alternatives Evaluation

 - Recommended Alternative

 - Opinion of Project Cost - including engineering, administrative, legal, land/easement acquisition permitting, construction and contingency costs.

If the funding applications does not meet the eligibility requirements described above, the application is incomplete, and the applicant will be sent written notification from NHDES that the project is ineligible for review through either the special projects assistance program or the annual construction assistance program.

2 - Target Award Spending

Incorporates the budget that the commission approved at the March 9th, 2020 meeting.

3 - Review Attachment D

Third substantial change to the award document. A tiered review recommendation presented by Rodney Bartlett & Clark Freise.

Attachment D - Statement Regarding the Review of Funding Applications to the Annual Drinking Water Construction Projects Assistance Program.

Subcommittee met and tried to make it clear that projects need to have external funding and if that is not secured don't bother coming before the commission. If you have leveraged as much outside funding as you can, we hope that applicants will maximize as much loan funding as they can.

Erin Holmes answering question from Andrea Kenter suggests changing the Annual Drinking Water Construction title in Attachment D to include special projects submissions with and exception for Emergency projects. Clark Freise and Rodney Bartlett agree.

Funding Applications and Award Plan Acceptance:

Motion to adopt changes to document by Clark Freise

Rodney Bartlett 2nd.

Motion adopted by roll call 14-0-0

Source Water Projection Gran Program Application Review Subcommittee - Paul Susca, DES

DES is asking the Commission to appoint a review subcommittee to review the applications and ask that the commission empower the review subcommittee to make decisions about source water protection and areas of geologic concern and programs.

Motion for DES to determining wellhead protection area and future source protection areas.

Rick Russman made the motion.

Commissioner Bob Scott 2nd.

Motion adopted by roll call 14-0-0

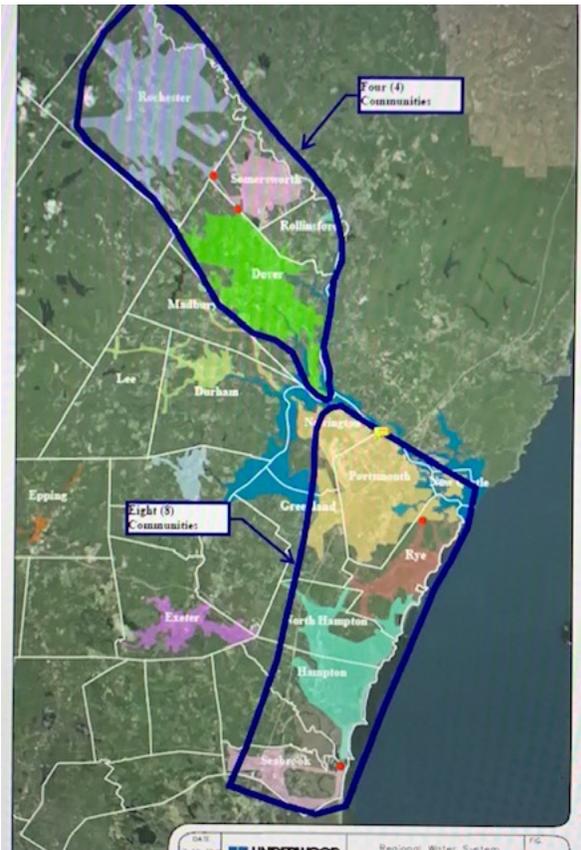
Southern NH Regional Water Project Update - Mike Unger, DES

Update: Derry portion of water main has been completed, disinfected and tested. Water is available in Windham. A couple of sections on Route 28 need to be completed and then water will be available in Salem. A lot of milestones have been met in the last week. It's exciting.

Andrea Kenter Q: What is the progress and timeline for Plaistow, NH.

Mike Unger A: 2 contracts, 1 is currently bidding, another coming. IN the design process and then sending out to bid. Late summer or fall is the anticipated completion date.

Grant Increase Request - Water main extension is required to connect properties along route 111 in Windham impacted by MtBE. \$1,162,000.M is being requested.



Clark Freise moves to accept the cost increase request.

Rick Russman 2nd.

Motion adopted by roll call 14-0-0

Special Projects Assistance Program Applications

Dover & Portsmouth Emergency Interconnection Grant Request - Keith Pratt, Underwood Engineers

This project is for an interconnection between the water systems of Dover and Portsmouth that will allow for up to 2 millions GPD of an emergency drinking water supply to be conveyed

in either direction. The cities are requesting a \$12.3 M grant to cover 100% of the total project cost.

Some commission members expressed concern for reasons around why this is urgent and why no funds have been secured prior to coming forward.

Clark Freise - DOT can add to the design and infrastructure into the plan if the emergency funding is not secured by the commission through this process.

Maes - what is the urgency of this project?

Answer: to align the work with the DOT during the timing of the bridge replacement

Russman - potentially a motion to table?

Clark Freise - we don't want to be negotiating terms. Recommends we reject the project as presented. Perhaps DOT should come in with a design plan.

Clark Freise motioned to reject project as represented but encourage DOT to present to the Commission for costs associated with project design in a preplan measure.

Andrea Kenter 2nd.

Discussion continued.

Motion adopted by roll call 14-0-0

Special Project Application from Rochester, NH. Chris Burke

Grant increase request for \$1,644,000 grant. The purpose of the original project was to remediate MtBE contamination along Route 202A. The project was put together in 2018. Project modifications and changes to state agency requirements, equipment and vendor quotes and industry trends based on recent bid prices are the reasons for the increase in project costs.

Discussion continued.

Motion to award funds by Clark Freise.

Commissioner Bob Scott 2nd.

Motion adopted by roll call 14-0-0

Motion to adjourn.