



Legislative Task Force

General Timeline 2013 -2014

3/27/2014– The Task Force intends to meet the last Thursday of every month (except for November and December of 2013/14). The Division of Planning will work with the Task Force members to confirm specific dates and locations. In 2014, there may be a few months with bi-monthly meetings. In the meantime, the general expectation for timing is below.

SEPTEMBER 26, 2013 – 1st Task Force Meeting

Topics: Organizational, Purpose, Summaries of 2013 Public Law 42-64.13-10 and Existing RI Gen. Laws for wetlands and OWTS

OCTOBER 24, 2013 - 2nd Task Force Meeting

Topics: Scope of Work, Summary of Prior Wetland Task Forces, DEM and CRMC Rules/Regulations for Wetland and Septic Disposal, Overview of Municipal Regulations

NOVEMBER 19, 2013 - 3rd Task Force Meeting

Topic: Wetlands Functions and Values - Guest Speaker: Chris Mason, President, Mason and Associates, Inc.

DECEMBER 19, 2013 - 4th Task Force Meeting

Topic: Habitat Functions for Wetland Buffers - Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Paton, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Department of Natural Resources Science, URI

JANUARY-2014

21st - 5th Task Force Meeting

Topics: OWTS basics & Groundwater Science – Guest Speakers: Water Resource Issues - Dr. Arthur Gold, Dep. of Natural Resources Science, URI, OWTS 101 - George Loomis, Program Director, NE Onsite Wastewater Training Program, Cooperative Extension, URI, Impacts & Nutrients in Buffer and Riparian Zones - Dr. Arthur Gold

FEBRUARY 2014

27th - 6th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Summary of NE States buffers/ regulatory requirements – *Carol Murphy, DEM*, Summary of RI municipal ordinance inventory – *Sean Henry, DOP Intern*, Discussion on developing case studies for identifying friction points

MARCH 2014

27th - 7th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Local Wetland Review: Two Perspectives – Guest Speakers: Michael Deluca, Narragansett Community Development Director & Task Force member Scott Rabideau

APRIL 2014

17th - 8th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Summary of NE States –Wetland and OWTS buffers, Recap to date

MAY 2014

29th - 9th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Literature Survey- Current Reports and Studies

JUNE 2014

26th - 10th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Literature Survey- Current Reports and Studies

JULY 2014

31st - 11th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Summary of topics /feedback from Task Force

AUGUST 2014

No meeting – Writing Group prepares preliminary draft report

SEPTEMBER 2014

18th - 12th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Preliminary Draft Report

25th - 13th Task Force Meeting

Topics: Preliminary Draft Report

Also Writing Group prepares draft recommendations

OCTOBER 2014

No meeting

Writing Group – prepares final report & recommendations

NOVEMBER 2014

20th – 14th - Task Force Meeting (*Third Thursday*)

Topics: Review and census on final report & recommendations

DECEMBER 2014

DOP produces final report and submits by 12-31-2014

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