

# Town of Windham

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Natural Resources Advisory Committee  
Conference Room #1, Town Office  
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Wednesday February 20, 2019

## AGENDA

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Review & Approve Minutes
3. Water Resource Inventory
  - a. Watershed Q&A
  - b. Water Quality Impairments Q&A
4. Priorities & Goal-Setting
  - a. Water Resource Plan?
5. Next Steps
6. Adjourn



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## Notes from Meeting:

1. Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM
  - a. Committee members present: Donna Chapman, Jeanne Rhein, Chris McDonald, Kaitlyn Tuttle, Dennis Brown (by phone)
  - b. Staff/Experts present: Gretchen Anderson (E&S Coordinator), Amanda Lessard (Town Planner), Heather True (Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District)
2. Committee reviewed and approved minutes pending edits.
3. Gretchen and Heather conducted a presentation regarding water resource terminology, certain classifications, impairments, etc. (see PowerPoint attached)
  - a. Watershed inventory and map were reviewed as presentation was conducted to facilitate discussion and answer questions (see documents attached)
4. Committee discussed how to prioritize improvements to water resources:
  - a. 'Environmental Plan' or 'Water Resource Improvement Plan' could be a subset of comprehensive plan
  - b. Focus on a particular watershed to gain momentum
    - i. Pleasant River (Watershed Management Plan [WMP], stakeholder interest)
  - c. Focus on two watersheds (completing actions items within an approved WMP and actually drafting a WMP)
  - d. Development intensive parameters
    - i. High E.coli – septic systems?
    - ii. Low Dissolved oxygen – increased water temperature = impervious area, algae growth phosphorus consumes oxygen
5. Committee determined that data analysis is the next step to prioritize water bodies, where to focus remediation/abatement efforts, policy recommendations, etc.
  - a. Data will be assessed from the following: Maine DEP (WQ Assessment Report), Presumpscot Regional Land Trust (WQ volunteer monitoring), Presumpscot River Watch (WQ volunteer monitoring)

Next meeting date tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, from 6-7:30pm.

CCSWCD, DEP, Town Planner & Code Enforcement Director will be invited to attend.