



Bangor Area Stormwater Group

October 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Location: Council Chambers, Orono Town Office, Orono, Maine

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Patrick Decker, Rhonda Poirier, Andrea Dickinson, Belle Ryder, Phil Ruck, Cam Amoroso, Chris Green, Kyle Drexler, Taylor LaBrecque, Rich May, George Hanson. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Welcome, Introductions and Tribute to Tracy Drew

Rich M. welcomed everyone and asked for round-robin introductions. The group shared memories of beloved member Tracy Drew who passed away in the past month. Many warm and sad thoughts were shared. Tracy will be deeply missed by all. Photos of Tracy were placed on the table. A sympathy card was circulated to send to Tracy Drew's wife.

Group Updates

- **Bangor** – A mobile car wash was dumping into stormdrain. Had to intervene to stop discharge. Discussions with company owner and City staff revealed that rental garage bays are very hard to find in the City.
- **MDOT** – Peter Newkirk has retired. MDOT staff met with Rhonda and Gregg about expected MDOT Stormwater Permit.
- **Orono** – Disc Golf had a lot of challenges leading up to opening. Was not vegetated on schedule. More money was needed to reseed (in order to cover). This vegetation has come up, not tracking up. Kyle will keep BASWG posted on effectiveness. Potential for case study if it works. Orono also had a housing unit with a break under a slab. DEP was called to help with clean-up. Orono was not notified by any of the parties; they only found out because Orono Public Works staff saw DEP. Signals the need for better communications and connection.
- **Pulse Marketing** – Cintia Miranda has resigned from Pulse. Pulse is in a transitional period. All activities are continuing.
- **University of Maine** – Jodi Munster is going to be taking over stormwater work for the University.
- **Stillwater Environmental Engineering** – Cara was induced and gave birth on the 26th to a healthy baby boy names Solomon James. She is off until November 23rd. Solomon joins his older sister, Evelyn.
- **CES** – Met with EPA Region 1 enforcement staff Todd Borsche and Gregg Wood. Discussed their recommendations for IDDE field test kits. They also discussed field tests and hazardous waste (esp. surfactants). A surprising piece of information was that even with test kits there is often

only a 25% successful detection rates of surfactants. Also, EPA expressed that they are willing to come and analyze. However, this is not likely to happen (hard to bring in the authorities).

ACTION: Phil and Andrea will develop a proposal on training for the December meeting.

- **University of Maine Augusta Bangor Campus** – Got rid of catch basin sheet drain with under filter. Had a potential discharge, found dumpster right over catch basin; moved and fixed the issue.

DEP/Permit Updates

- Rhonda was pleased to hear about the possibility of the IDDE training. It is one of the most important points of the permit. Review of MS4 reports is likely to focus on IDDE.
- DEP is behind in MS4 audits
- Met with Rich, Phil, Andrea, FOCB, CLF and Southern Maine Stormwater Group to discuss what plan is in the permit before it goes out.
- Make sure to review permit language around (Federal Register 89330-331):
 - When the NOI will be sent
 - The purpose for the second step modification
 - Negotiation with DEP to get missing information
- October 1, 2020, start to submit NOI
- There will be a PY8 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)
- CLF requested that the permit be out sooner, but July 2020 was not feasible; Need to have fiscal year, so acquiesced.
- FOCB wants wet weather monitoring; however, DEP will not be doing. Assessment in this permit, in preparation for possible monitoring in the next permit. However, accepting because this represents progress towards the goal.
- If appeal this will cause another delay; pushback causes delays. If someone appeals, the current permit remains in effect while it is reviewed.
- MCM3 IDDE plan – will add line that IDDE plan needs a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). Kristie is working on a QAPP; MS4s will need one (does not have to be Kristie's model).
- MS4s generally conceded to the QAPP to appease.
- CLF and FOCB wanted to have the trigger be ½ acre rather than 1 acre. However, no one agreed. This would have been a big change and is “not happening.”
- New Hampshire and Massachusetts permits are currently being appealed.
- What happens if DEP doesn't agree with second step by the deadline. Still in effect until come to agreement.
- Timing: SWMPP October 1, 2020. Might be finalized mid/late Spring 2020.
- May through October will be spent planning.
- Will need a new permit implementation budget for 2021-2022.
- TMDLs in effect; waste load allocation must be met for waterbodies that are not on the impaired list. Concerns that no one can comply with this. Appears that EPA wants to use MS4s to get extra accomplished – not ok.
- While DEP wanted NPDES stakeholders in the room, this was done.
- CLF and FOCB want DEP to enforce the TMDL part.

- It is probably a month before the 8th draft of the permit will be circulated.
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Education & Outreach Planning

- **Submitting E&O Permit Activities Planned for Permit Extension:** BASWG needs to submit E&O plans to DEP for extended permit. DECISION: Rich M. will craft a new statement on PY7 E&O activities for DEP approval. ACTION: Rich M. will share the PY7 statement at the December BASWG meeting.
- **Sidewalk Cigarette Butlers:** The BASWG will consider the possibility of putting out Sidewalk Butlers with BASWG stickers on them to collect cigarette butts, a major source of stormwater pollution in the region. Keep America Beautiful Clean Communities project. ACTION: Belle R. will send Brenda Z. info about the Sidewalk Butlers for Brenda to forward to the group.
- **Science Festival** – Intent to present is due December 7th. E&O Committee will develop and submit. The display is in the Orono Public Works garage. Belle’s daughter is doing the painting as part of a service project. Will be ready in time for the Science Festival. It is a real-life pollution model, built on the same principles as the prior model. Considering doing a visual assessment and odor test as an activity (formerly used successfully with middle schoolers). The group agreed that the E&O Committee should purchase the small supplies they need from the E&O fund (watering cans, shakers, food items for demo).
- **ThinkBlue Massachusetts Video Revision.** The BASWG has been asked if the group wants to pay into the revision of the ThinkBlue video. DECISION: BASWG will pay \$100 into the revised video as an act of good will, although BASWG does not plan to use the video.
- **BASWG Website:** Pulse shared the elements of the new BASWG website. The website is temporarily available at <http://baswg@pulsemarketingdev.com>. Pulse is seeking content for the Get Involved and Learn About Stormwater sections of the website. DECISIONS: The E&O Committee will provide this content. E&O will also compile and send relevant images for the page. Information about upcoming events will be provided to Pulse on an ongoing basis. Rich will provide write-ups for each of the videos. Belle R. will serve as the contact for fillable forms (re: interest in volunteering). Andrea D. will send a PPT that she has used with relevant information to Chris G.
- **Vehicle Stickers:** The BASWG may consider vehicle magnets in the future. ACTION: Include vehicle stickers as a discussion item on future E&O Committee agenda)
- **Sending Thank You to Cintia Miranda (former Pulse director):** The BASWG would like to send a thank you note to Cintia. Her email address is cintiaomiranda@gmail.com.

Regional Trainings

- BASWG wants to host a regional winter maintenance training. However, Local Roads does not have time this winter. Peter Coughlan is not available. Will seek to have one before next winter that is MS4-centric.

Organizational Business

- **Upcoming Executive Committee Meeting:** The BASWG ExComm will meet on November 14th to develop the annual budget, review and make recommendations for bylaws revisions, and discuss any necessary permit decisions. ACTION: Brenda Z. will send out an agenda, bylaws and the PY7 budget information to the group in preparation for the ExComm Meeting.

Upcoming BASWG Meetings

- November 2019 – Executive Committee will meet to plan PY1 budget and discuss any needed revisions to the bylaws as part of the planning process leading up to BASWG’s February annual meeting/vote.
- December 12, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG December Meeting (Hampden Town Office). John McClean, new director of the NPS Training Center will be guest presenter. Other agenda items will include Permit update, new website review, E&O update (including Science Festival and Winter Social Media Campaign)
- February 13, 2019 from 9-11:30am – BASWG Annual Meeting (Orono Town Office)