



Bangor Area Stormwater Group

June 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Location: Council Chambers, City Hall, Bangor, Maine

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Rich May, Belle Ryder, Karen Cullen, Andrea Dickinson, Lou Colburn, Chris Cronin, Chris Green, Cara Belanger, Cintia Miranda, Kyle Drexler, Kathy Hoppe, George Hanson. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Welcome and Introductions

Rich M. welcomed everyone and asked for round-robin introductions.

DEP/Permit Updates

Kathy H. provided a short update on the status of the new permit. Rhonda P. was unable to attend the meeting.

Permit Development: The seventh version of the permit is on Rhonda's desk for her review before release to stakeholders. Addressing specific concerns, Kathy shared that...

- Impaired water bodies language will change to Urban Impaired Streams (D3)
- While there has been concern about the two audiences, Kathy H. assured the group that the second audience can be a small, discrete audience that does not require a large additional lift (e.g. carpet cleaners, grease trap companies, sprinkler companies, etc.) **TABLED:** The BASWG chose to table this discussion to a future date; a decision about which second audience to select will not be made until a future date.
- Kathy H. reminded the group that permit compliance is related to efforts to try to change a behavior, not the actual behavior change itself.

DEP Stormwater Bills: DEP will send out new stormwater bills in November.

PY6 Report Development Process and Compliance Check-in

The BASWG will be submitting its regional SWMP Report for PY6 on or before the September 16, 2019 deadline. In preparation for the report development, Brenda Z. walked the group through compliance requirements and received input for the report development process. **DECISIONS:** Cara B. will send Brenda Z. the most current data on stenciling and cleanup activities conducted in PY6. Brenda Z. was

approved to develop the report for review and submission. **ACTION:** Brenda Z. will have a draft report ready for the members to review at the August BASWG meeting.

Education & Outreach Planning

Report on Sage Foundation Grant and Other Opportunities: The Sage Foundation grant was not funded, though the BASWG is encouraged to apply for a grant from the foundation again in the future. The BASWG is considering submitting grant proposals for submission deadlines in October 2019 and January 2020. No decisions about whether to pursue or not were made at this meeting.

Multi-cluster Collaboration Discussion: The BASWG continues to be open to collaborative opportunities, but wants to retain regional flexibility. They will continue to advocate for this flexibility through the new permit revision process.

Review of Pulse Proposal for New Website: Pulse presented their plan to revise the website. They presented a proposal that was unanimously approved by the members. **ACTION:** A mock-up of the revised website layout will be presented by Pulse at the August BASWG meeting.

Review of E&O Line Item Budget: The BASWG Education and Outreach Committee met to discuss compliance advertising/outreach since last meeting. As part of this process, the committee developed a new budget breakdown for the Education and Outreach line item in the BASWG budget. The PY7 budget was approved previously with \$22,350 allocated for E&O. The breakdown developed by the committee includes \$5,640 for social media, \$1,320 for meeting time with Pulse, \$1,625 for the website (maintenance – which includes complimentary hosting of the BASWG.org website), \$2,765 for winter outreach digital ads, \$1,000 for expenses associated with the Science Festival, \$1,500 for stenciling activities, \$1,500 for clean-up activities, \$8,000 for compliance advertising (Transit or digital ads), and \$500 for other miscellaneous E&O supplies. **DECISION:** Belle R. made the motion to accept the budget breakdown as proposed for PY7. John R. seconded the motion. BASWG members voted unanimously to approve the proposed E&O budget breakdown.

Need for Volunteers: The E&O Committee is seeking volunteers to assist with two different efforts. **DECISIONS:** Cintia M.'s daughter will volunteer her services to work on seasonal BMPs for the website, building off information from the DEP's prior publications ("In Our Backyard" as a start). Belle's daughter will work on finishing the BASWG's new watershed model for a service project.

Municipal Updates

Orono Grassed Gravel Parking Lot: The Town of Orono has worked with a new business to approve a grassed gravel parking lot off Kelly Road in Orono. This is a form of LID. It serves as a functional alternative to pavement. It is a seasonal lot, as plowing will not be allowed. Orono staff will keep the group posted on how the lot functions.

New Connections

Connecting with NPS Training Center: The BASWG will reach out to the new director of the Nonprofit Training Center at DEP (Bill LeFlamme has retired; John McClean is the new director). The BASWG would like to meet with John to help inform his planning efforts.

DEP Stream Stressors Publication Available: Kathy H. shared that DEP has just released a new Stream Stressors Guide (June 2019). She distributed copies of the guide to members. It is also available on the DEP website.

Organizational Business

Approval of BASWG February and April Minutes: A motion was made by Belle R. to accept the minutes for February (no quorum to approve at prior meeting) and April minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Karen and approved unanimously. Minutes will continue to be posted by Karen C. until Pulse takes over the website hosting in PY7.

Planning Upcoming BASWG Meetings

- August 8, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG August Meeting – University of Maine
Agenda items for the August meeting will include: Review of the BASWG Regional SWMP PY6 Draft Report (due September 16, 2019); review of Pulse’s new BASWG.org mock-up; discussion of E&O committee work and decisions; potential NPS Training Center presentation.
- October 10, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG October Meeting (Orono Town Office)
- November 2019 – Executive Committee meeting 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)