



## **Bangor Area Stormwater Group**

### **ANNUAL MEETING**

February 14, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Location: Council Chambers, Town Office, Orono, Maine

9:00 am – 11:15 am

**Attendees:** John Rouleau, Rich May, Karen Cullen, Chris Cronin, Cam Amoroso, Taylor LaBrecque, Phil Ruck, Kyle Drexler, Cara Belanger, Belle Ryder, Kathy Hoppe, Andrea Dickinson, Lou Colburn. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch. Special Guest: Ali Clift, ISWG.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

John R. welcomed everyone and asked for round-robin introductions. The group was pleased to have Ali Clift from ISWG join the meeting.

### **2018 Year-in-Review**

Brenda Z. presented a PowerPoint highlighting the BASWG's accomplishments over the last year (see attached). The presentation covered organizational information, goals and activities; reports on compliance activities and reporting, social media outcomes and next steps.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Belle R. presented the BASWG's financial report. BASWG has currently spent 50% of the permit year's budget. The BASWG's credit union balance is ~\$50k. Currently, the BASWG has not spent \$20k in its budget, with a projected \$5k available above the formal reserve. The only outstanding unpaid fee is from the MEANG, which is working out a payment alternative to their preference of a credit card (which BASWG does not have the ability to accept).

### **Election of Officers**

The BASWG held its annual election during the meeting. The following officers were voted in unanimously by the membership of the group (nine voting members were represented in person or via written voting representatives):

- Chair - Richard May, City of Bangor
- Interim Vice Chair - John Rouleau, City of Old Town\*
- Interim Second Vice Chair - George Hanson, Eastern Maine Community College
- Treasurer - Kyle Drexler, Town of Orono

The BASWG Vice Chair position also provides services as the Education and Outreach Committee Chair. In the interim, Brenda Z. will provide administrative coordination to the E&O Committee and Rich M. will continue to provide limited leadership in this capacity. The position of BASWG Secretary is continuing second year of term, held by Karen Cullen from the Town of Hampden.

### **Education and Outreach**

- Pulse staff Cam Amaroso presented initial information about the winter snow and ice social media outreach effort.
- Cam also presented a revised proposal (see attached).
- The BASWG approved half of the budget to continue the bus wrap after April, with the second half of the funding paid after July 1, for the following permit year.
- Ali Clift of the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG) shared that the Portland area group is looking at BASWG's efforts and would like to incorporate some of these approaches into their work. Ali, Damon and Kristie (SMSWG) are all interested in working collaboratively on E&O in the next permit cycle.
- The BASWG is interested in exploring the possibility of working through MEWEA (incl. the other clusters) to pursue some form of statewide video to share with decision makers, showing the real work, costs and benefits of stormwater management.
- Brenda Z. provided edits for the BASWG.org web content. DECISION: Pulse will work to make some small edits to the website provided by Brenda (~1 hour of work). Pulse will also provide a proposal to do a revamp of the website.

### **Next Cycle Permit**

- Phil R. will represent the BASWG at the meeting with DEP this afternoon to discuss plans for the new cycle stormwater permit.
- The BASWG will review the new permit and expect to participate in any stakeholder meetings when the next permit draft is released.

### **Organizational Business**

- The vote to approve the January meeting minutes was tabled until April to allow DEP to review the section that identified their statements to ensure accuracy.

### **Next Meeting Planning**

- April 11, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG April Meeting (Location TBD)
- June 13, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG June Meeting (Location TBD)
- August 8, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG August Meeting (Location TBD)
- October 10, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG October Meeting (Location TBD)
- December 12, 2019 from 9-11:30 am – BASWG December Meeting (Location TBD)