

Bangor Area Stormwater Group
June 11, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Location: Remote Meeting Via Zoom
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Rich May, Lou Colburn, Ken Locke, Kyle Drexler, Mark Leonard, Andrea Dickinson, Jodi Muster, Chris Cronin, George Hanson, Cara Belanger, Taylor Labreque, Camden Amaroso, Chris Greene, Amanda Malloy, and Karen Cullen. Other cluster reps: Ali Clift, Kristie Rabaska, Damon Yakovlev. Special Guest: Fred Dillon (South Portland). Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Next Cycle MS4 Permit

Next draft of the permit is not yet released. Should have a draft tomorrow. Will provide ten days to review. Cara or Jeff will participate in a call about the comment letter next Friday.

MS4 Updates

- Hampden – Cara worked with Hampden on stenciling. Working on accurate maps.
- Bangor – Rich reports all outfalls are inspected, a few sediment issues. Have to ditch inspections. Still working from his office.
- Brewer – Has finished all inspections. Geocachers did a two hour cleanup and removed 1k pounds of trash. They placed 40 medallions last week. Made video of the enviroscape model that they are willing to share with BASWG, though BASWG may want to make a more generic one with the new model.
- Orono – People are doing their own clean-ups. There are prizes.
- Veazie – Did clean-up with the grounds crew.
- Milford – Conducted inspections earlier this year.
- EMCC – Used grounds crew to clean up, SEE stenciled catch basins.
- DOT – Taylor Labreque is transitioning into a position focused on climate work. DOT representative to BASWG will now be Karen Gunder. Peter Newkirk is working for DOT as a consultant.
- EMCC – Campus is closed. Some tech classes taking place, but very limited. Classes will largely be online this fall with small group tech classes. Did stenciling and done inspections.

Statewide Chloride Reduction Initiative

Special Guest Presentation – Fred Dillon, South Portland

BASWG has been engaged in chloride work for many years at the state level. Next steps are taking shape led by Fred Dillon to explore the possibility of a program similar to Green SnowPro in New

Hampshire. This program includes training, certification and liability protections. The NH program has been successful and held up under legal challenges (though some have been settled out of court).

Long Creek contractors have shared that they are willing to apply less product, but not unless there is a lower risk of lawsuits. They have been working with DEP and DEP is interested, but have stated that there must be no fiscal note attached to the program. They are now looking to develop a demonstration/pilot program. Long Creek has expressed an interest in being the pilot. The program does have administrative burden.

Fred sought BASWG's feedback on the plans, asking about their interest, the timing of the effort, and whether or not they would support the effort. Discussion: BASWG members are interested in this and would support the effort. Those who expressed support included Bangor, Hampden, Brewer, EMCC, Veazie, and University of Maine. Bangor expressed interest in being a second demonstration site with the Penjajawok, citing that source reduction is the best tool for reduction of chlorides in the stream. Rich will coordinate with Fred on this.

Andrea is supportive but expressed the need to better understand the liability issue. If the contractor has less liability, who assumes that risk in their place? Wants assurance that risk will not just be shifted to the business/agency. Is there more MS4 exposure? What is the extent of tort protection? What is the maximum amount?

Education and Outreach

COVID-19 Changes

Rich reviewed the changes that DEP approved at the last BASWG meeting. All in-person outreach activities have been canceled. BASWG has been approved to replace these planned activities with online outreach activities.

Implementing Revised (DEP-Approved) E&O Plans

BASWG is working with Pulse to deliver several E&O efforts. Pulse provided description of their activities.

- New PPE characters – conceptualized as newcomers to town (mask, sanitizer, glove) – keeping within the BASWG cannon to ensure recognizable, consistent branding
- PPE Landing pages – Up next week
- Display ads – Following week
- PPE video – Longer term
- Continued strong social media presence
- Press kit for use with noteworthy announcements
- Stickers for sidewalk cigarette butlers

Other Statewide E&O Plans for Next Permit Cycle

SMSWG is joining ISWG in focusing on pet waste and cigarette butts. Secondary audience will be outreach to municipal decision makers. ISWG will be looking at trash as part of the larger disposal outreach. Lawncare remains an issue in the southern part of the state. Chlorides are being addressed through the work Fred Dillon is doing.

Contributing to Statewide Work on New Permit Analysis and Comment Letters

The BASWG voted to provide \$2k to the statewide efforts led by Kristie Rabaska to provide analysis and feedback to DEP on the new permit. BASWG members feel they have benefitted significantly from this work. **Decision:** Karen made the motion to approve the expenditure, Kyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Rich and Kyle will work with Kristie to arrange this payment.

Cara or Jeff from SEE will participate in a collaborative planning call with the statewide partners to discuss comments on the permit. A comment letter will be drafted and submitted.

Organizational Business

- Brenda shared minutes from February meeting (which had been tabled in April), April Zoom call and May 14 E&O Committee Zoom call
- Decision: The BASWG voted to approval the BASWG February and April Meeting Minutes (Karen made the motion, Kyle seconded, passed unanimously).
- Kyle provided the treasurer's update

Next Meetings

July 9th - E&O Meeting – from 9-11 am via Zoom

August 13th - BASWG meeting will be held via Zoom or other electronic system