**Bangor Area Stormwater Group**

October 8, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Location: Remote Meeting via Zoom

9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Attendees:** Rich May, Belle Ryder, Karen Cullen, Cara Belanger, Lou Colburn, Ken Locke, Chris Greene, Camden Amaroso, Andrea Dickinson, Kyle Drexler, Ryan Carey, and Chris Cronin. Guest: Kristie Rabasca. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

**MS4 Updates**

* Bangor – Construction-related work mostly.
* Hampden – Sean Courier leaving his position. New code enforcement officer is Ryan Carey. Town is working with SEE on dry weather inspections.
* Brewer – Cara is making plan for E&O contacts.
* Milford – Was able to get through their dry weather inspections early.
* Old Town – IDDE investigation identified a sump pump that was discharging onto a lawn.
* Orono – Inspections are done. Waiting on the permit. Open by appointment only and with masks (local ordinance).
* Veazie has completed their dry weather inspections as well.
* University of Maine – continuing with IDDE inspections at two sites – camera’d stormdrain and then conducted dye testing.
* Dorothea Dix completed their dray weather inspections as well.
* CES has been sampling for COVID at the university; private about the reporting. Tracking outbreaks in communities (including Augusta).

**Next Cycle Permit Update**

Kristie R. provided an overview of the statewide efforts with the permit over the last several years (attached). Meeting was held on September 1st. Permit is final, but awaiting the fact sheet. MS4s need to be preparing stormwater management plans, IDDE plans and QAPPs, finalizing E&) programs and impaired waters plans.

* March 1, 2021 – must send public notice (NOI) – submit to DEP and NOI
* March 31, 2021 – SWMPs must be submitted to DEP (must submit 5 plans)
* May – December 2021 – Back and forth with DEP
* Second step remand rule (permitee-specific DEP order)
* 30-day minimum public comment period is initiated
* June 1, 2022 – Last day of the 30-day comment period
* July 1, 2022 – Effective permit date; new permit implementation begins

Now DEP is working on the nested and transportation permits.

**Potential BASWG SWMP development timeline**

BASWG plans to develop the regional SWMP over the coming months.

* December 3 – E&O planning meeting re new permit
* December 10 – Full BASWG Meeting (E&O Committee presents ideas to full group)
* January – Plan team builds out the SWMP draft; circulates to team and edits
* February 11 – Plan presented at BASWG Annual Meeting for vote
* March 1 – NOI submitted
* March 31 – Final BASWG SWMP submitted to DEP

ACTIONS:

* Brenda Z. will send out invitations to December 3 E&O and December 10 BASWG meetings.
* Orono will provide ZOOM link information for both meetings.

**Additional Permit/SWMP Discussion:**

* MCM 5 – add language to ordinance re sites needing maintenance
* MCM 6 – Requiring different tracking of excess sediment change – Check and update SWMPP requirements
* Pushed back on the 3 BMPs for urban impaired streams – now back to same as in current permit
* IDDE Plan Review – Phil and Cara will undertake this with Kristie
* DEP updated apps on GIS layers (supposed to use 2000 and 2010)

**Education and Outreach**

* Two campaigns launched this week: 1) Stormwater and COVID and 2) Spring/Summer Cleaning – diversified. The ads are located in sidebars and headers with click-through option. Targeting is done by zip code and audience. Rely on the use of BASWG’s branding characters. Landing pages have been built out and are completely mobile-responsive. The resources are on the website and the landing pages. Appear to be the only site with information on stormwater and Covid. Strong branding focus with links to additional pages.
* Pulse is currently working on script writing for the short video.
* BASWG cigar butlers got news coverage.
* Printed materials are on hold since they can’t be distributed from MS4 offices to the public.
* May want to explore the Literati App (check out TedTalk) as an alternative to Stream Cleanups. Use to create challenges in town and incentivize with a gift card.
* The EnviroScape video is available from Brewer (they give permission to use); BASWG may want to do regional video; Pulse providing quote, including Cara time for being in the video.

**Trainings**

* Phil connected with John McClean and Jason; continuing planning; nothing set in stone.
* Post-construction Certification Training – specific new test for P-C inspectors now.

**Organizational**

* Minutes approved: Karen C. made the motion to accept the August 2020 minutes as presented. Lou C. seconded the motion, which passed unanimously (Andrea D. voting for Milford and CES voting for Veazie).
* BASWG has had $9,300 in expenses. Budget is $38,400. The account currently has $48,000.
* Kyle will send out invoices for annual dues.
* DECISION: The BASWG will discuss overage at the December meeting. Some funding may be spent on changing the model.

**Next Meetings**

* December 3, 2020 – BASWG E&O Committee Meeting from 9-11 am via Zoom (Orono Zoom account)
* December 10, 2020 – BASWG December Meeting from 9-11 am via Zoom (Orono Zoom account)
* February 11, 2021 – BASWG Annual Meeting (In person? otherwise via Zoom)