

BASWG Meeting Minutes

March 14 2013

9:00 am – 11:30 am

Eastern Maine Community College, Bangor, Maine

Attendees: Chris Brewer, Patrick Decker, Brian Burnoski, Tracy Drew, Mark (UMA), Kathy Hoppe, Jeff Allen, Peralie Burbank, Phil Ruck, Dennis Farnham, Bill Murphy, Greg Beane, Mike Gladu, Ruth D, Andy Fish, David Ladd, Bob Osborne, LaMarr Clannon, John Rouleau, Mike Jellison (Job Corps). Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Welcome

Bill M. called the meeting to order. The members of the group introduced themselves.

Organizational Business

- Meeting minutes were approved by consensus vote (Phil made motion, Jeff A. seconded motion)
- Brenda Z. reminded the group that the EPA Urban Waters 5-Star Restoration was submitted and if funded will develop a program to promote stormwater-friendly demonstration installations by interested citizen and municipal groups in the region.
- The Bangor Garden Show will be held April 5-7th. A sign-up sheet is currently on doodle. Make sure each MS4 has representatives volunteering at the event.
- The Salt Management Task Force will meet via video conference on February 22. They reviewed the research completed to date.
- Brenda Z. was invited to speak to a meeting of the APWA, but due to a calendar error, did not make the meeting. Mike Gladu presented on behalf of the group. Members are interested in partnering/joining with the task force to work on developing BMPs.
- Pinnacle is still reviewing the contract for separation for Stormwater Steward.
- Suitability for Development project is wrapping up. The regional models are done. Meetings with stakeholders will be held in Brewer, Bangor and Hampden. They will be presenting models including 50 and 200 year buildouts. LaMarr will present the project's findings at the April 11th BASWG meeting (30 min+ on the agenda).
- NEMO is now part-time at the Sewall Co. NEMO needs additional funding support.
- The IRS has refunded the full penalty fee for late filing to the BASWG (which was a result of turnover between financial managers).
- Jeff A. shared a potential training tool with the group. Xcalvideo.com has a multimedia training kit available on the care and maintenance of BMPs. Jeff has a sample on a time-limited basis. It includes a customizable CD-Rom, a quiz generator and a ppt generator. Phil R. will review. It will also be available for other interested BASWG members to review. Interested members should connect with Jeff ASAP. The cost of the kit is \$595.

DIMS Process

DEP is working on a contract to pay for the BASWG to conduct a regional pre-feasibility study about sustainable funding options. There are some concerns about using the name DIMS (Does it Make Sense), as the real question is "WHAT makes sense." Consideration of this will

be taken into account in future communications. Brenda Z. will send out a doodle to schedule a DIMS meeting in April.

MS4 Permit Discussion

- David Ladd provided a review of the MS4 meeting at DEP on March 4th, where the new permit language was discussed. The first part of that meeting focused on flushing hydrants. Greg Wood who is in permitting at DEP spelled out what is acceptable to be received by waters of the state.
- Brenda Z. provided the group with copies of the minutes from the March 8th meeting
- DEP has left in hydrant flushing as an acceptable discharge; however they will be working with water districts to develop BMPs.
- On reporting and record keeping requirements, the permit language has been changed to recommended from required.
- NH and MA are not delegated. NH has to test outfalls and conduct screening that is not in Maine's permit. However, Maine has very strong compliance with the current permit, whereas NH does not. Maine has also done a number of other compliance activities ahead of NH.
- CT did not change their permit at all and it was reissued.
- David hopes to have the new permit out for public comment around April 2nd, with 45-60 days for public comment. David would like the comment period to be 45 days.

Education and Outreach: Special Session

Review of Remaining PY5 Requirements

Chris B. and Brenda Z. reviewed the requirements to complete compliance with PY5 of the current permit. These remaining activities include:

- Putting the ducky ad on MS4 public access channels
- Putting the ducky stickers in public places (receptacles, etc.)
- Putting the article Chris is compiling into your local newsletters. Please also email it to all staff and schools.
- Chris will be submitting print ads to the BDN garden show insert, which focuses on our target audience.
- Each municipality needs to hold some public event. Hampden and Vizier expressed concerns about meeting the requirement, as they don't have any special local events between now and the end of the permit year. Hampden is looking into their Children's Day and an event at their marina. Veazie is thinking about tying in with their disposal day event. Old Town may offer to help Veazie with coverage at a booth.
- New/strengthened partnerships have also been formed with Maine Coastal Program, Maine Salt Management Task Force, Maine DOT (incl. Maine Local Roads, APWA, Maine Turnpike Authority, NEMO, General Electric, Lane, and Job Corps.
- Brenda Z. reviewed the new concept of the "Anytime Stream Clean-ups" There are about to be new online support documents and forms for this program. This has been

supported by the BASWG's Coastal Communities Grant from the Maine Coastal Program.

New activities in the next permit will include

- The development of statewide and regional plans for three audiences: 1) primary target audience, 2) targeted watershed, 3) municipal officials. BASWG will be collaborating with the other three clusters in the state to develop these and hopefully achieve some economies of scale through joint planning and purchasing.
- There will be three new programs implemented into next year with the coastal communities funding: 1) Anytime Stream Clean-ups, 2) Expanded Stormdrain Stenciling and 3) Streambank Planting with volunteers (in Bangor). Brenda Z. provided members with summary sheets of the tasks and timelines for implementing the three projects.

Website

The BASWG is revamping the BASWG.org website. At the April BASWG meeting, the group will provide input on content to be added. Brenda Z. indicated that websites for organizations like the Long Creek Restoration Project offer some nice examples of how the site could be restructured to better showcase the BASWG.

Purchasing staff time to complete all E&O tasks for MS4s

The final part of the E&O discussion focused on looking at different models of achieving the work required in the permit. BASWG members have a number of options, from providing their own staff to support the requirements of the regional plan to hiring consultants to do this work for them. The ISWG and other clusters mostly hire consultants (consulting firms or conservation districts) to implement their E&O work. The cost to those MS4s is much higher, however. The group has requested the development of estimates for several scenarios from the PCSWCD. There is interest from several communities in outsourcing this time-intensive work to external parties in order to achieve compliance. Chris B. will work on developing these estimates for the group's consideration at the April meeting.

Next Meeting (April 11th): The next BASWG meeting will be held at the Penobscot County Soil and Water Conservation District office on Broadway in Bangor.

Meeting Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.