

BASWG Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2013

9:00 am – 11:30 am

City Hall, Old Town, Maine

Attendees: (Incomplete attendees list – change) Bob Osborne, David Ladd, Chris Brewer, Dennis Farnham, Pearalie Burbank, Gretchen Heldmann, Tyler Collins, Tracy Drew, Jeff Allen, William Murphy, Mike Gladu, Phil Ruck, John Rouleau, Mike Jellison, Karen Hutchins, John Cronin. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Welcome

Bob O. called the meeting to order. The members of the group introduced themselves.

Organizational Business

- Gretchen H. made a motion to accept the minutes, which had been reviewed by Bob Osborne. John R. seconded the motion. Small changes were made to the minutes. The amended minutes were accepted by unanimous vote.
- Gretchen H. reported that the issues with separation from Pinnacle are ongoing. They had a call in April with Pam. Tony P. (lawyer) went over the new legal separation documents and only had a few issues dealing with three sections from the original agreement that would remain as survival terms. Working through these. The group provided approval for Gretchen to help arrange a face-to-face conversation between Pinnacle's lawyer and Tony P. The group is not interested in selling the product at this time, which is the primary concern, in the case of a law suit about the programming used to create the product. If the legal representatives cannot come to agreement, BASWG will likely allow the language Pinnacle wants and move on for internal use only.
- The Town of Veazie is in "transition", having eliminated Dennis F's position. In doing so, they broke several charters and bylaws. A town meeting has been called to address this issue. Veazie will be complicated related to stormwater until this issue is resolved. Dennis will likely not be attending future BASWG meetings.

Streamside Clean-up Reports

- Stream Clean-ups that have been conducted to date have been successful:
 - Maine Day 300-250 people at UMaine campus
 - Bangor is conducting their anytime stream clean-up on June 12, 2013
 - Hampden had 30 people who picked up 40 bags of trash.
 - Old Town (date) – Freshmen and Hannaford volunteers; working with Cheryl Daigle to clean-up around French Island
 - Milford is working with Dirigo/School
 - Brewer has 230 people signed-up for the clean-up on May 11th (will do following weekend if raining). Raffling Red Sox tickets.
 - Air National Guard had 20 volunteers who collected 25 bags (including trash and leaves) on the ANG campus.
- Shirts were ordered

- Everyone checked in and said that they will get what they need from Chris B.
- Chris will continue to send out press releases about clean-up activities.
- There is a clean-up page on the BASWG.org website. The logos of our donors are on this page.
- There is a large group of volunteers going to participate in clean-up activities in the City of Bangor in a few weeks. They will work in multiple locations. This is part of the BASWG's new Anytime Stream Clean-up Initiative, supported by the Coastal Communities Grant from the Maine Coastal Program.
- As we look to the future with volunteers, MS4s may want to get a volunteer insurance policy. MMA (through Judy Dorr) can be contacted to set up a policy. Current cost is \$2.50 per volunteer. Can set number, holds from event to event.
- There will not be an evaluation form with this year's clean-up. The measure in the permit is number of participants.

Update on Stormwater Permit

- Phil R. will take the lead on submitting a comment on behalf of the BASWG to DEP's Mick Kavanagh encouraging them to expedite the process and emphasize collaborative approaches between municipalities and DOT/MTA in the new permit.
- David L. (DEP) has been onsite at the Job Corps facility. They are doing a good job. They have been exempted from the stormwater program due to a lack of residents. Army National Guard has also been provided with a waiver.
- The BASWG will focus on the permit at the June meeting, once David L. has the feedback from EPA.

DIMS Planning Update

- The DIMS Planning Committee met on 4-18-13 and developed the elements of an RFP to send out for bids.
- The BASWG has just under \$10k for this project. Funding is from Maine DEP and operating dollars that have been offset by grant funding in the BASWG's E&O line item.
- The RFP will be circulated shortly.
- Bob O. and Gretchen H. have taken on the task of changing the dates in the RFP and developing a shortened newspaper advertisement requesting proposals.

Education and Outreach Update

- Chris talked about the cost to address more of the needs of individual MS4s for E&O permit compliance. Chris reported that the hourly cost is \$35/hour for CCSWCD staff support. The cost for a stenciling project could be ~ \$800.
- Chris showed the group the newly updated/renovated BASWG.org website. The group agreed that it looked a lot better.
- Chris B. also shared with the group the results of the input they provided at the March meeting. He will begin incorporating these elements over the next several months.
- Chris is putting factsheets about proper management of grub issues on BASWG.org.

Statewide Intercept Survey

- The statewide intercept survey has encountered problems achieving a representative sample. Most box stores now will not allow intercept surveys, even if they have in the past. Working to identify locations so get respondents from each municipality.
- Karen H. is one of the leads on this project, with CCSWCD's Jami Fitch.

PY5 Compliance Wrap-Up

- All regional requirements have been met at this date, except the completion of the regional IDDE sharing session, which is scheduled for June 13th.
- Municipalities are responsible for ensuring that they have met the local MS4 requirements that are not regionally-coordinated.

Next Meetings: The next BASWG meeting will be held at the Milford Town Office in Milford, Maine. The agenda will include discussion of hydrant flushing, the permit (including EPA feedback and timelines), and the regional IDDE sharing session. The BASWG July and August meetings will be at the Orono Town Office.

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

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