

Bangor Area Storm Water Group
September 14, 2017 Meeting Minutes
Location: 2nd Floor Council Chambers, Orono Town Office
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Patrick Decker welcomed everyone and asked for roundrobin introductions.

MS4 Permit Language Review Process, Discussion and Next Steps (25 min)

The BASWG submitted comments to DEP on the second draft language for MCM 3-6. These comments were received by DEP. The comments were in keeping with those made by MEWEA and others. Each MS4 was provided with electronic copy of the document via email. Meeting participants received a hard copy of the comment letter. The next round of review will take place when the second draft language for MCM 1 and 2 is sent out for public comment. While it was indicated that the release would be forthcoming, there has been no communication about an expected release date.

Action: The BASWG will pull together it's permit review workgroup once the MCM 1 and 2 permit language is released to develop formal comments for submission to DEP.

Draft SWMP Report Review

Brenda Z. presented the draft report, due on September 15th. The report documents compliance on all requirements within the BASWG PY4 Regional Stormwater Plan. The document had some missing information, which was added by Cara Belanger from SEE (who had provided oversight to many of the projects). Brenda reviewed the report content. Small changes were documented and provided to Phil R. for SEE to make the final edits. John Pond will provide missing information for Milford.

Decision: The group voted to submit the report with the edits identified during the meeting.

Action: SEE will submit the formal report by the deadline on the 15th.

Approval of BASWG Minutes

The BASWG members reviewed the draft minutes. ___ made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. ___ seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by consensus vote.

Treasurer's Update

Patrick D. shared that the BASWG is in the black and has a current balance of \$____. The balance does not reflect current outstanding invoices for assessment payments from two

MS4s. With those two assessments, the BASWG will have a balance of \$____. However, the BASWG is only starting its fiscal year and paying its committed budget line items.

Planning for Fall O&M Training with the Penobscot Nation

Phil R. shared that the Penobscot Nation will be holding an O&M training this fall and has invited BASWG communities to participate. The BASWG members in attendance agreed that this is a very positive partnership opportunity. The Penobscot Nation has received funding to support this training but has expanded the offering. The training will cover key O&M topics. Most BASWG members indicated that they would send staff to the training. Several potential locations were discussed, as the PCWCD conference room will not accommodate the numbers planning to attend the training. The training will likely take place at the end of October or early November. More information will be presented at the October BASWG meeting.

Presentation on Proposal for Interactive Regional Stormwater BMP Trail Map

The BASWG submitted a proposal to the Bangor Savings Bank Foundation to fund an interactive online map to highlight success stories, innovative techniques and on-the-ground site examples of stormwater BMPs/LID installations. This project has been discussed for many years, but came up again this Spring when discussing how to get the word out about the types of work MS4s are doing to combat stormwater pollution. The BASWG received a letter this week sharing that the project was not funded. However, Pulse Marketing staff had developed information to support the development of the proposal and presented this information at the meeting. The cost for the work is approximately \$3,500 to develop the interactive online map and one success story/bmp page for each of the 12 communities. Once built, the resource could have additional success stories added to it on an ongoing basis for minimal additional investment. The trail map is currently being considered for addition to the BASWG funding priorities list. Kyle S. expressed concern that if the site was crafted as an inventory tool, this would not be well received, be burden on MS4s and potentially waste resources. The proposal, however, focuses on sharing highlighted success stories, not all activities/sites. More discussion is needed if the trail map is to be considered in the future, to ensure it achieves the BASWG's intended goals.

Action: Brenda Z. will look to see if any additional funders would be a good fit for the trail map project.

Preparation for Conversation with Sharon Newman

The BASWG will be hosting lawyer Sharon Newman as a presenter at the October BASWG meeting. She will be presenting on what MS4s can do after an EPA audit. Phil R. has been communicating with Sharon on behalf of the BASWG. The group decided that they would like one hour of the October meeting to be dedicated to her presentation and Q&A. Phil R. will follow-up with her to confirm these details.

PY5 Activities and Reserve Spending Plans

The BASWG members discussed the current funding priorities for any funds in excess of the Reserve Fund cap (\$20,000) + Legal Fund (\$5k). If any funds exceed this funding cap, the BASWG has a funding priorities list. The group engaged in discussion about what those priorities would be. Part of this conversation focused on what the BASWG's focus is, which is to fund only what is required for permit compliance, with above-and-beyond expenditures funded by external sources (grants, partnerships, donations, etc.)

Reviewing the list from the prior discussion on this topic, the BASWG has a current list of the following items:

- Mascot Costume for use at E&O events
- Additional investments in strengthening outreach/marketing
- Add level(s) to stormwater video game
- Interactive trail map to highlight MS4 Stormwater BMP examples (not inventory)
- Develop display materials to attract/reach target audience (30-55 DIY lawncare)
- Outreach program(s) for businesses
- Signage for the BAT busses or similar
- Joint purchases (e.g. outfall signs)

The list will be revisited at the October meeting.

Discussion followed around the topic of spending priorities versus refunding those funds to those who paid assessments or reducing annual assessment amounts. Discussion included possible alternatives of partial funding for spending priorities and some refunded, all to spending priorities or all sent to MS4s. A subset of this conversation also included the way in which any funds returned to MS4s would be paid. The group will include discussion of this issue at the November meeting as part of the discussion about establishing the spending priorities list.

Winter Maintenance Certification Outreach to Congressional Representatives

10:45 am **MS4 Sharing Time (15 min)**

11:00 am **BASWG Meeting Adjourns**

Executive Committee members should be prepared stay for up to a half hour after the meeting to address additional business items, if needed