

Bangor Area Stormwater Group
September 13, 2018 Meeting Minutes
Location: Old Town City Hall, Old Town, Maine
9:00 am – 11:00 am

Attendees: Brian Bernosky, Rhonda Poirier, Rich May, Andrea Dickinson, Mike Thompson, Phil Ruck, George Hanson, Kyle Drexler, Belle Ryder, John Rouleau, Taylor Labrecque. Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

Welcome and Introductions

John R. welcomed everyone and asked for round-robin introductions.

Update on DEP Happenings

Rhonda P. provided an update on the forthcoming 5-year permit. The permit is currently with EPA Region 1 being reviewed by Newton Tedder. DEP is awaiting their response. Once the permit is sent back to DEP, EPA's comments will be reviewed by Gregg Wood, Brian Kavanaugh, Rhonda Poirier, Pam Parker and possibly Don Witherill.

DEP has hired a new stormwater inspector, Chase Main. He will work mostly on industrial inspections, but later will also review MS4s. He is a graduate from UMaine and will be based in central Maine.

MS4 stormwater reports will be reviewed by Rhonda for consistency in comments. DEP is working towards having a standardized form for the new permit reporting requirements.

Review and Voting on Final 5-Year Regional SWMP Report

The BASWG members reviewed the draft report and made minor edits. The report provides a thorough overview of the BASWG's many activities. Additional images, E&O 5-year analysis and final information have been added. It has been reviewed by several BASWG members. **Decision:** The BASWG decided by consensus to submit the report with the final edits. **Action:** Final edits will be incorporated and the report will be submitted by Brenda Z. on September 14th to meet the deadline of September 15th.

Training on Waters of the State, Wetlands and Stormwater

The BASWG received a very informative presentation by CES, Inc. The presentation focused on identifying what waters are "Waters of the State" and figuring out where outfall sampling should occur. The presentation discussed what is/is not a WOTS, how these waters relate to Maine's general permit for discharge of SW from an MS4. **Action:** The BASWG should post the new Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA) Identification Guide for Rivers, Streams and Brooks on the BASWG.org website.

Education and Outreach

Children's Museum Display: Rich May is continuing to lead BASWG's partnership with the Children's Museum. They are waiting to learn whether or not the Museum received a large grant. BASWG plans to

be a part of developing a new permanent exhibit that includes stormwater as part of a larger water exhibit. **Action:** Trudy Plummer will work with BASWG re: grants.

Bus Signage: The BASWG’s in-bus signs have been printed. They will be added to the busses shortly.

Whiteboard Video: Pulse has delivered the whiteboard video. The video has not been used or promoted extensively yet. Action: The BASWG seeks to work with Pulse to brainstorm about how to better use its new videos over time.

Statewide Collaboration during Next Permit Cycle: The BASWG is pleased with the direction of its new outreach campaign. The BASWG members are interested in collaboration, but not with the same ducky campaign. The BASWG will review options as planning progresses. At this time, they have not made the commitment to continue with the CCSWCD-led statewide collaboration. There have been recent staffing changes at CCSWCD. The BASWG is not sure how this will affect statewide planning efforts.

Children’s Water Festival: The Festival will take place on October 9th at the Field House at the University of Maine Campus in Orono. Cara B (SEE) has completed the registration for a booth. There will be a trivial pursuit game. **Action:** The BASWG plans to participate. The E&O Committee will circulate a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Materials will be delivered to the Boardman building.

Facebook: The BASWG tabled discussion on the administration and live posting of video on Facebook until they can talk with Pulse.

Organizational Business

Approval of Minutes: **Action:** Members voted unanimously to approve the June and August meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s Update: Belle R. provided a financial report to the group, presenting Budget v. Actuals for July 2017-June 2018; and July 2018-June 2019. Currently, the BASWG has a balance of \$50,547.90 in its account. It is still awaiting \$11,400 in assessments. Still due are assessments from Brewer, UMAB, UMaine and MEANG. Belle just processed \$3,000 in checks that are not included in the balance. Assessments were due in mid-August.

Reserve Review: The BASWG carried over \$2,700 in the last budget beyond the reserve fund and legal fees. At the next BASWG meeting, the members will discuss spending priorities.

Contact List: The BASWG members were provided a contact sheet to complete for each MS4 and partner agency. These will be collected at the October meeting and the list will be updated.

Date	Agenda Items	Location
October 11	Managing Chlorides (Presenter: Frank Belevieau, Surface Solutions); permit discussion; E&O	Old Town City Hall
November 8	Sharing Old Town’s Integrated Guidance Document (Belle Ryder and Rob Yerxa)	Orono Town Hall
December 13	Budget Planning and Regional SWMP Discussion	Machias Savings Bank. Bre

