



BASWG February Meeting

Thursday, February 13, 2025

9:00 – 11:00 am

~~Katahdin Room (315), Eastern Maine Community College 268 Sylan Road,
Bangor, ME
(Breakfast Provided)~~

ZOOM ONLY: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/82993231242>

Zoom only because of closures from winter storm.

MINUTES

Present: Megan Hess (Chair - Town of Orono), Abe Chase (Vice Chair - Eastern Maine Community College), Brian Bernosky (Treasurer - University of Maine), Rob Howard (Secretary - Brewer), Victor Smith (Hampden), Mark Leonard (Veazie), Cara Belanger (Stillwater Environmental Engineering, Melissa Genoter (Haley Ward, Milford representation), Brenda Zollitsch (Facilitator), Matthew McCarthy (ANG), Rich May (Bangor), John Rouleau (Old Town), Karoline Bass (SEE), Kerem Gungor (DEP)

Absent: Holiday Keene (DEP)

9:00 am Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review (Megan)

- None

9:05 am DEP Updates

- LID Ordinance & Scheduled Audits (Holliday)
 - Not present.
- Chapter 500 & MCGP (Kerem)
 - stakeholder meeting Dec 16th. Process of finalizing report.
 - start drafting new rules (undecided on date) and update stakeholders as they progress.
 - New MCGP was released. 5 acres or more is considered a large site. SWPPP must be submitted by certified persons. The webinar was recorded. BASWG to help spread the word. Megan will send out link info.
 - Disturbing more than one acre still need to submit a new NOI to MCGP
 - BASWG, Stormwater coordinators, Code Enforcement, could be invited to a regional training of the new standards in April. Megan and Brenda will coordinate with Kerem to set this up.
- Cara gave an update who will be audited for this group:
 - Field Audits: Brewer, Orono
 - Desk Audit: Old Town



- Cara, Ali Cliff, and Kristie Rabasca received the audit lists. When we get the list we will send it out to everyone and upload to the google drive in the DEP folder.
- There will be months notice for audits from Holliday, which should be starting in May.
- May look out for 319 Grants
- LR # 165, An Act to Update Waste Discharge License Fees: DEP has proposed a bill to increase the annual MS4 permit fee from \$362 to \$1,306.

9:20 am Organizational Business

- Approval of October and December Minutes (*Vote*) (Rob)
 - October Minutes.. motion to approve (Mark) seconded (Abe) approved. All in favor.
 - December Minutes.. motion to approve (Victor) seconded (John) approved
- PY3 Budget Report, including Grants
 - You will see invoices from Brian soon. Please work with finance so they send it to the correct location.
 - interim report to Sage foundation
- PY4 Budget Approval (Brian) Financial Manager
 - Goals for a financial manager:
 - Mock Audit of the last couple of years
 - Quickbooks - make sure structured properly, make sure set up to document large amounts of money
 - Are there anything tips or tricks we can use to be more efficient?
 - Have someone to help the Treasurer
 - Exec Comm met in January and reviewed the budget and requested the organization stay flat funded.
 - Google has leverage to access funds for media.
 - Financial assistance to the treasurer.
 - Rich made a motion of 5,000 and Brian seconded for financial assistance. approved
motion to approve Budget.. motion to approve (Brian) seconded (Rich). approved
- Executive Committee Ballot (*Vote*)
 - Motion by Brian to secretary to cast a single vote.
 - Motion by Rich to send a message to Brenda.
 - resolution was to send Brenda a message (in Chat) for members choice.



9:30 am Year In Review Highlights Presentation (Brenda, Megan)

- Presentation Slides Attached.
- inflation reduction act, Joint application with BACTS.

9:50 am Education and Outreach Update

- Snow and Ice Poster for Municipal Buildings
 - Please remember to post these in your municipal building for compliance.
- Maine Science Festival - March 22, 2025 - Sign Up
 - Megan will send out a sign up list.
- Winter Maintenance Managers Roundtable - April 10th 9-10AM
 - Please alert your winter managers.
 - Megan will send out google calendar.
- Outfall Signs Project (Sign Search) - Installations should be
 - Creating Videos - Angela was asked to create a sign up sheet for videos.
 - Sign Installation - Old Town is installed, Hampden's posts are installed.

10:15 am Pulse to Record “Meet Your Stormwater Manager” :

- *Postponed due to cancellation from Winter Storm. To Be Rescheduled.*
- *March 13th at 9am till 10am at EMMC “meet your stormwater manager” with Pulse. Megan sent out calendar invite.*

Additional Discussion: Hazardous waste page for BASWG

11:00 am Adjournment

- Brian motion to adjourn. Victor seconded. Time 10:41 am 2/13/2025

Next meeting:

April 10, 2025 @ Eastern Maine Community College (Breakfast Provided!)
Check on annual MS4 fees (LR #165)