



Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes

November 16, 2022

Hybrid – South Berwick/Zoom

The meeting did not start until approximately 12:45 due to technical difficulties with the remote portion.

Attendees:

Eliot: Jeff Brubaker, Steve Robinson (remote)
South Berwick – Jeff Doyle, Tammy Bellman, Jen McCabe (remote)
Kittery – Jessa Kellogg – arrived ~1:00 pm
York – Dean Lessard
GZA – Aimee Mountain (remote)
MaineDOT – Cindy Dionne (remote)
MTA: Sean Donohue (remote)
SMPDC – Abbie Sherwin – arrived ~1:00 pm (remote)
Maine DEP – Holliday Keen (remote)
PNSY – Adam Gagne
Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc. – Kristie Rabasca and Ben Hansel (Subcontractor)

1) Introductions and Updates (Grants, Special Projects, Personnel Updates, etc)

KR suggests if you attended the November 1, 2 Stormwater Conference that you could tell us about a session you attended...

Updates:

Eliot: Jeff – voters enacted ESC ordinance, effective starting today. Kim Tackett is the new Land Use Administrative Assistant that will be helping with stormwater

South Berwick: Tammy – Working on outfall inspections, inspected three sites last week that were previously discharging runoff in roads and two have been corrected. Jeff – Accepting a subdivision road with catch basins, road and drainage work done for now – prepping for winter.

York: Dean – Leslie is retired, Kristie has been contracted, South Side Road project is complete except for striping. Nubble Road drainage improvements will begin after Labor Day 2023. Seawall contractor has returned and improvements will continue through the winter. Catch basin cleaning will start shortly, have about 300 that need to be cleaned.

MTA: Sean – Contractor finished work at old York Toll Plaza and has de-mobilized, silt fence will remain in place over winter, 9 underdrained soil filters and several buffers were installed as part of this project. Maintenance folks have been doing their inspections.

MaineDOT: Cindy – introduction, came from DEP where she worked on Overboard Discharge and Sand/Salt permitting. She is working to get up to speed on Stormwater Permitting. Peter Newkirk will be working through next spring.

PNSY: Adam – typically has a conflicting meeting which is why he hasn't been able to attend. New permit is in effect and have some projects going on at the shipyard. Attended the first day of the stormwater conference.

Kristie – introduced Ben Hansel (subconsultant), contracted public education and outreach work

DEP: Holliday – have all of the annual reports and will start reviewing them in mid-December. Holliday is still catching up on emails, so if something is urgent, please resend it so it is at the top of her emails. Holliday also provided the updates in item 2 below.

2) Maine DEP Updates

- a. LID Strategies - DEP is short-handed, looking to complete reviews of submittals and address of Friends of Casco Bay comments in early December. T KLR: Mary Beth Richardson and Kerem Gungor were involved in early discussions – will they be involved in the upcoming meeting? Holliday: They are not currently involved, but she will follow-up with Gregg to see if they can be involved.
- b. Annual Report format update? (DEP form) – hoping for early December, will look for feedback from MS4s before posting to website.

3) Review Attached Spreadsheet on SMSWG Permit Implementation Status -KLR reviewed spreadsheet with the group – a few notes are as follows:

- a) MCM 1 Public Education – with update on baseline work by Ben Hansel –
 - i) Ben has been working on social media posts and will get caught up on these.
 - ii) Any new Town staff must be trained to understand the permit and their role as part of this Municipal Awareness Plan. The Fact sheets were updated recently (except York which is in progress).
 - iii) Public Education – Behavior Change: Ben has been brought on board to help complete the baseline evaluation and will help to implement the behavior change elements of MCM1. Have some Literatti app data, but Ben has gathered more baseline data in every Town. Targeting behavior change work for Spring 2023. Will do another evaluation after behavior change work has been implemented. Ben shared his presentation. Shared information and screen shots of the baseline litter pickup efforts he completed and pictures and videos he might use in social media posts. Cigarette butts are the majority of the waste, but plastic wrappers are the next highest waste type. Not as much pet waste as we expected. Might be able to tap into PNSY social media shares when trying to reach target audience – they have a great Facebook following. Pictures are really helpful. Pocket ash trays might be a tool we could use. York used to have several trash cans at their beaches and couldn't keep up with the waste accumulation – eliminated trash cans (carry-in carry-out) and beaches are actually cleaner now. Might find more pet waste in the spring – there is a perception that pet waste biodegrades over winter. May also find more pet waste in bushes and other areas (people seem to try to “hide” the waste in the bushes when exiting an area such as a beach or walking trail).

- b) MCM 2 Public Participation – public notice will be tracked for ordinances, we will assist in hosting/ participate in cleanups next spring.
- c) MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – updates to non-stormwater ordinance are required by June 2023 – all communities have started this (60 days to remove sources), we are required to keep mapping up to date, outfall inspections are typically done in the spring – need to sample flowing outfalls, water district hydrant flushing reports are gathered in spring.
- d) MCM 4 Construction Runoff Control – ordinance changes are in progress, site plan review procedures have been completed and must be followed, notice to contractors, ESC inspections – be sure to track these items.
- e) MCM 5 Post Construction Runoff Control – ordinance changes are on hold for LID, tracking post-construction sites is in progress.
- f) MCM 6 Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping – O&M plans, training of all SWPPP personnel and 80% of O&M personnel, street sweeping, catch basin inspection & cleaning, maintenance and upgrade of stormwater conveyance and outfalls, SWPPPs – quarterly visual monitoring and facility inspections are all in progress.

Upcoming Dates of Interest and other items of interest:

Soak up the Rain: [Soak Up the Rain | US EPA](#) No upcoming webinars
July 2022 Stormwater Retrofit Manual (see link above for Soak up Rain)- New England Environmental Finance Center will be hosting a series of webinars – some focused for public works retrofits per this manual

Next Meetings: late Wednesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

12:30 to 2:00 pm – In person and Zoom:

January 18, 2023 - Kittery - Jessa will look into using council chambers in Kittery – plan on Kittery – Kristie is sending a reminder/request to reserve the room.

March 22, 2023 (ISWG is March 16) – back at South Berwick