



# ***Bi-Monthly Meeting Notes***

## ***March 22, 2023***

### ***Hybrid – South Berwick/Zoom***

#### Attendees:

South Berwick – Jay Redimarker and Jeff Doyle (in person), Jen McCabe and Martha (Zoom)  
Berwick – James Bellissimo (Zoom)  
Kittery – Jessa Kellogg (in person)  
York – Dean Lessard (in person)  
GZA – Aimee Mountain (Zoom)  
Maine DOT – Cindy Dionne (Zoom)  
SMPDC – Abbie Sherwin (Zoom)  
PNSY – Paul Letourneau (in person)  
Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc. – Kristie Rabasca (in person) and Ben Hansel (in person)

#### 1) Introductions

Steve Robinson (Eliot Public Works Director) passed away suddenly two weeks ago. We had a moment of silence to pay our respects.

#### 2) Maine DEP Updates

- a. Chapter 500 Updates – Though prior notices from DEP stated stakeholder meetings would begin in April 2023, DEP update is that stakeholder meetings will start later this spring/summer. E-mail Kerem Gungor if you want to be included on the stakeholder email list (though we have done this previously for SMSWG contacts)
- b. LID ordinance updates are on hold until Summer 2023
  - i) Friends of Casco Bay appealed the December DEP approvals
  - ii) Interlocal Stormwater Working Group submitted a Motion to Dismiss (because the Appeal was issued after the 30 day time frame). The Motion to Dismiss is under consideration by the Board of Environmental Protection.
- c. Annual Report format update? (DEP form) – No updates from DEP on an annual report template.
- d. Other?
  - i) No one from this group has received DEP comments on their PY9 annual reports yet.
  - ii) Conservation Law Foundation filed a Residual Designation Authority document with EPA re: Great Bay nitrogen impairment in New Hampshire – it should not affect MS4 communities because it is focused on regulating developments (strip malls, big box stores, hospitals, etc.). Looking to regulate properties with 0.75 acres

impervious surface. But this RDA will also likely be issued in Maine, and would affect areas like strip malls and big box stores that are not currently regulated under the Clean Water Act.

3) Review of SMSWG Permit Implementation Status – KLR shared screen, and provided a status spreadsheet with agenda items and meeting notice. – quick check in that members liked this form of reviewing the status of implementation and it is a helpful reminder of items that need to be completed.

a) MCM 1 Public Education

- i) Review Awareness Posts and results - all posts are completed, but we are not meeting our goal of reaching 15% of our target audience. We would like to request that municipalities share the SMSWG posts. KLR to send follow-up emails (to Suzanne and Jessa in Kittery, to Jaelyn and Dean in York) requesting that municipalities share SMSWG Posts on their own Facebook pages. Ben provided some analytics on website hits. Website updates - reviewed Litterati mapping (and new LitteRadar page) and other pages of the website.
- ii) Hand out Stencils – stencils were purchased and handed out at the end of the meeting to Kittery, Eliot, and South Berwick. Stencil costs will be included in the next SMSWG invoice – KLR provided a breakdown. KLR drafted a list of recommended roads/areas that should be stenciled and included a table of how many catch basins need to be stenciled. Please track how many basins you stencil on each road with each type of stencil. This information need to be included in the annual report. Send photos too please for social media.
- iii) Discuss magnet bumper stickers – these haven't been ordered yet, group approved of the designs, KLR needs to check in with Eliot before purchasing. Magnets should be on vehicle(s) for at least 30 days, it would be great if these were on the vehicles at cleanup events.

b) MCM 2 Public Participation – KLR is tracking this. It would be great if local shops/businesses would be willing to host collection devices for cigarette butts (and hopes to work on this next year – Ben Hansel has great ideas around it, and we want to think through it a little more and will come back to the group later on this).

- i) South Berwick – there is an Upcoming Earth Day (Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>) litter picking event hosted by Allen Realty Group targeting roadside litter for Rt 91 and 236 (Spills over into York). Meet up is at 4 Punkintown Rd, 8-2. The South Berwick SoBo Brigades also do litter pickups regularly.
- ii) Kittery will work on getting a public participation activity (Kittery cleanups are outside the UA at Fort Foster and Seapoint - in conjunction with the Blue Ocean Society and Conservation Commission).
- iii) York Harbor Board cleanup will be April 29 or 30. KR connected with Mike Sinclair and provided Litterati info sheet. Ben Hansel will attend and assist.
- iv) Berwick's roadside cleanup will begin in April or May – they have just started coordinating on it. KR/Ben will send an email out to coordinate on it.

- c) MCM 3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination – ordinance changes are going well, KLR will contact water districts/departments re: hydrant flushing this month. York hydrant flushing started this month.
    - i) Schedule dates for dry weather flow monitoring – KLR would like to attend these events in order to sample flowing outfalls (during outfall inspections for:
      - (1) Berwick
      - (2) South Berwick
      - (3) Eliot
      - (4) York (KR only)
  - d) MCM 4 Construction Runoff Control – ESC inspections tracking (KR will meet with Code in York and Berwick to make sure these are being done). Kittery listings are fine and in progress.
  - e) MCM 5 Post Construction Runoff Control – annual reports to Towns for sites with one or more acres disturbance
  - f) MCM 6 Pollution Prevention Good Housekeeping – SWPPP and O&M training, KLR has brief training presentations that can be used for fire/police – Kittery requested it (KR sent 3/23/2023).
    - i) For those of you who contract out spring sweeping – it’s that time!
    - ii) For those of you who contract out spring cb cleaning – it’s that time!
- 4) Updates (Grants, Special Projects, Personnel Updates, etc)
- a) SMPDC – PREP Grant Info – projects within the watershed they manage (all of SMSWG) – resiliency or coastal projects. \$5-\$25k awards [Piscataqua Region Environmental Planning Assessment Grant Program](#).
  - b) York – Harry Norton is the new Director of Code Enforcement, and Peter Joseph has been hired as the new Town Manager (starting 4/10/2023).
  - c) South Berwick
  - d) Kittery – 2023 PREPA report; Kittery was awarded a PREPA grant and will be applying for more funding
  - e) Eliot
  - f) Berwick
  - g) DOT – have been having meetings regarding smart-chloride project and decided on three sites for water quality (conductivity) monitoring: Route 236 near Tibbetts Road / Driscoll Brook in South Berwick, Kittery Rest Area, and third site in Hampden
  - h) MTA
  - i) PSNY
  - j) GZA
  - k) ISWG – new field training video for sampling available soon!
  - l) Residual Designation Authority – Filed by Conservation Law Foundation for Nitrogen in Great Bay

**Upcoming Dates of Interest and other items of interest:**

Soak up the Rain: [Soak Up the Rain | US EPA](#) No upcoming webinars

4/6/2023 – 1 Farmgate Road – 11:45 am Eliot, South Berwick and Berwick Training (lunch will be provided)

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

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

May 17, 2023 – back at Kittery

July 19, 2023 (Permit Year 2!) – back at South Berwick

September 20, 2023 - Back in Kittery

Handouts:

Stencils Info (cost and streets)

Bumper Magnet Info