



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

## ***November 8, 2023***

### ***Zoom and York Library***

#### ***(Basement Meeting Room)***

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 861 2301 9277

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Attendees – In person unless indicated as Zoom:

Eliot – Norm Albert

South Berwick – Jay Redimarker, Jeff Doyle, Jen McCabe Zoom)

Kittery – Dave Rich

York – Dean Lessard, Tim DePerrio, Jaelynn Gerald

GZA– Aimee Mountain (Zoom)

Maine DOT – Cindy Dionne (Zoom) left after Maine DEP Updates 2(a)

Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc. – Kristie Rabasca

DEP – Kerem Gungor (Zoom) left after Maine DEP Updates 2(a)

#### 1) Introductions and updates –

- a. Eliot – Obtained funds to televise Riverview storm drain infrastructure for full lining and repair.
- b. York – Completed catch basin inspections and cleaning. Nubble Road improvements wrapping up. Ogunquit Road culvert replacement (Stream Smart) will close this Non-MS4 area road (will coordinate with South Berwick for assistance on any snow removal for 1 home). Working on culvert replacement for a stream across Rt 1A to ocean – may trigger tidal restriction rules.
- c. South Berwick – Completed cleaning of catch basins (used maintenance form to document needed maintenance 3 catch basins need repair, 1 needs to be replaced – will finalize form with costs when maintenance is completed). Added 3 catch basins to Park Street. Paved and general improvements on Boyds Corner Road - replaced 5 culverts (non MS4 area). Outlook Subdivision was accepted.
- d. Kittery – Finished drainage improvements on State Road. Continued televising for capital requests. Lining work planned for Admiralty Village. Still have a long list of drainage improvements that need to be completed.

#### 2) Maine DEP ++ Updates

- a. Chapter 500 Updates – Kerem Gungor
  - i) DEP has retained a facilitator (FB Environmental) first meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>. Two committees – steering and technical. Meetings will be hybrid with the in-person meetings being held at the DEP campus in Augusta. Start

stakeholder process in December 2023 and wrap up in June 2024. Formal rule making process will follow stakeholder process. Major substantive rule making, will have to go to the Board of Environmental Protection. The Stormwater BMP manual will be updated as well. Will retain a consultant to revise the Stormwater BMP manual. Hope to have rule making and manual completed around the same time.

[Chapter500.DEP@maine.gov](mailto:Chapter500.DEP@maine.gov) email address will be used for all communication regarding rule making. Two bulletins have gone out to stakeholders – if you have not received the bulletins and would like to be added to the email list, send an email to the [Chapter500.DEP@Maine.gov](mailto:Chapter500.DEP@Maine.gov) email.

- ii) KR asked if Land Bureau is working with Gregg Wood (Water Bureau) on LID measures as they relate to the MS4 ordinance requirements – answer was no. (Post meeting – KR sent email to Gregg Wood asking him to work with Land Bureau, who are subject matter experts in LID, and offered to send email to DEP Commissioner to help free up staff).
- b. Review of Stormwater Funding Needs – KR sent email to group on 10/25/2023 with details. DEP will issue a Clean Water State Revolving Fund Grant RFP in March of 2024. Applications will be due April 2024 for funding in September 2024. \$200,000 will be available total (this year), (\$50,000 max grant per award), 1:1 match required (can be in-kind). Eligible projects include (see box above!)
- c. LR2849 An act to strengthen storm water infrastructure was introduced to the Emergency Legislative Council by Art Bell (Yarmouth). Emergency Legislative Council will meet tomorrow (11/9). Stormwater infrastructure that is failing or close to failing would be eligible for funding. KR will send out follow up email after Council meeting.
- d. PY9 Annual report comments from DEP – received – KR drafted responses. York had no comments, the other SMSWG communities had one or two comments. Comments tended to focus on training for facilities other than DPW and why quizzes aren't used to evaluate training. The group agrees that quizzes are not necessary. All PY9 comments have been addressed as of 11/9/2023.
- e. PY1 Annual Reports – read by Alison Moody at DEP. Assume comments coming soon. Received read receipts from Alison and assume comments will be similar to those from PY9.
- f. Annual Report format update (DEP form) – No update. DEP may attend ISWG meeting next week – we may get an update then.
- g. Friends of Casco Bay Appeal of Low Impact Development proposals for Portland area communities:
  - i) Board of Environmental Protection ordered that DEP figure out a new Model Ordinance. DEP will develop the minimum LID requirements for all 30 regulated municipalities. Requiring a minimum amount of open space is likely to be a requirement.

**Potential Types of Eligible Projects**

- Stormwater Asset Management Plans
- Watershed Surveys
- Culvert/Resilience Surveys
- Planning for Stormwater Utilities
- Stream Geomorphic Assessments
- Winter Maintenance Needs Assessment
- Watershed Plan Development/Updates
- Other?



- ii) May take 9-12 months – the MS4 General Permit will need to be re-opened and Gregg plans to provide draft LID requirements in January/Feb 2024.
  
- 3) Review Attached Spreadsheet on SMSWG Permit Implementation Status – Permit Year 2!  
Review areas highlighted: Started from the bottom of the spreadsheet and worked up.  
MCM 6 – reviewed items highlighted in light orange.  
MCM 5 – post-construction sites – ordinance is town-wide, only need to track sites greater than 1 acre that are in the MS4 regulated area, but please consider for annual reports if you want to also list the Non-MS4 sites. Towns should be uniformly enforcing ordinances, so it might be beneficial to list Non-MS4 sites also.  
MCM 4 – ESC inspections – reviewed listing and updated sheet. Confirmed that South Berwick needs KR to help with tracking spreadsheet and Planning Board reviews for the next couple months until they hire a new admin.  
MCM 3 – Illicit discharge follow-up. Dry weather outfall inspections – now is a great time to get out and inspect (leaves are down, may have a few hours of down time here and there). KR listed out how many outfalls we have and targets for Towns to inspect to stay on-track.  
MCM 2 – Public events are set – Eliot is complete, others will be in the spring of 2024. Kittery may capitalize and further promote the “Adopt a Road” program.  
MCM 1 –
  - truck magnets/stickers are small, we should to make them larger – are staff willing to have vinyl on trucks? No definitive answer.
  - Reviewed videos – looks like we need a better awareness video – Jeff suggested using footage from all towns. KR has footage, and is developing a second awareness video. We will need to pay to promote 2 awareness videos. KR will develop second video and we will see how to address both.
  
- 4) Important Upcoming Dates  
December 5th – Chapter 500 First Stakeholder Meeting  
January 2024 Saltwise series (Wisconsin – Remote [WI Salt Awareness Week \(wisaltwise.com\)](http://wisaltwise.com))
  
- 5) Other as needed

**Next Meetings:**

All Hybrid – 12:30 to 2:00 pm late in month Wednesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov

January 17, 2024 – South Berwick Town Hall 180 Main Street

March 20, 2024 – Back to York Library