

## **BASWG Meeting Minutes**

June 13, 2013

9:00 am – 11:50 am

Milford Town Office, Milford, Maine

**Attendees:** Bob Osborne, Peralie Burbank, David Ladd, Chris Brewer, Jeff Allen, Ruth Doherty, Kathy Hoppe, Paul Nicklas, Mike Gladu, Andy Fish, Matthew MCarthy, LaMarr Clannon, Mike Jellison, Dennis Farnham, Gretchen Heldmann, John Rouleau, Tracy Drew, John Cronin, Andrea Dickinson, John Pond. Special Water District Guests: Grant Jr and Rodney Butteo (Brewer Water Department), Don Cammack and Rick Prushew (Bangor Water District), Jamie Holyoke and George Sibey (Hampden H2O). Facilitator: Brenda Zollitsch.

### **Welcome**

Bob O. called the meeting to order. The members of the group introduced themselves.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Gretchen H. made a motion to accept the minutes, which had been reviewed by Bob Osborne. John R. seconded the motion.

### **Transitions**

- Phil Ruck is leaving CES. It appears that he may be opening an independent consulting business.
- Andrea Dickenson and John Pond will be managing the transition at CES. All communications should be sent to them and they will be attending the BASWG meetings now. Brenda Z. will add them both to the email list.
- Dennis Farnham will be leaving his position in Veazie. The town is making substantial changes in the way they are managing public works activities. Dennis has been hired by the Sewer District. It is unknown who from Veazie will be representing the town on the BASWG in the future.

### **Stormwater Steward Status Update**

BASWG Lawyer (Tony Pellegrini and the Pinnacle lawyer did meet in a conference call. They were able to work out a compromise. Pinnacle is willing to keep liability for three years (from last change to coding). After that time, fully on BASWG. Paul N. made a motion to accept the terms of agreement with Pinnacle as agreed to by both attorneys. Jeff A. seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

### **DIMS Planning Update**

The BASWG Request for Proposals for the DIMS project has been posted. There have been a number of inquiries sent to Bob O. about the project from consulting firms. The deadline for receipt of proposals is 4 pm on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Brenda Z. will contact the DIMS Planning Committee members to schedule a review meeting in the following week(s).

**Statewide Intercept Survey and Stenciling Update:** Karen H. and Chris B. have been working on the statewide team to implement the intercept survey in the Bangor area. Problem that none of the big grocery stores will allow intercept surveys this time. Have implemented at both the Bangor and Brewer Transfer Stations. Also doing some mailed surveys to achieve a more representative sample. In the Portland area, survey sites have included the Maine Mall, Freeport, and the Urban Runoff.

**Streamside Clean-up Reports: Bangor** – US Fish and Wildlife and the River Coalition conducted clean-ups on the 29<sup>th</sup>. FedEx staff cleaned up Sucker Brook (20 people). Staff from the Hampton, Hilton and Garden Inn family of hotels (25 people) cleaned up around Sam's club, collecting 25 bags of trash. More than 300 members of the Mormon Church collected 3 dumptruck loads of trash. Want to do a huge thank you to these additional volunteers. Brenda Z. will develop a recognition certificate for use with these groups. **Veazie** – Eight people participated on May 18. Clean-up was followed by a cookout.

### **Hydrant Flushing Discussion**

- MS4s will have to ensure that the following information is available: who services the system, on what schedule, how they are planning to avoid improper discharges and what happens in an emergency (what is the procedure/protocol).
- Superchlorinated water is not allowed in the system.
- DEP is now working with utility districts to come up with simple best management practices for flushing activities (2-4 pages).
- The group discussed concerns about the difference between normal flushing and superchlorinated issues.
- The number is set by the state. David Ladd is working with Jeff McNeally at DEP.
- It is important that utilities know what they are discharging into and to develop relationships with regulated MS4 communities.
- The group of regional water utility managers invited David Ladd and Greg Wood from DEP to come to their next monthly meeting in Bangor to discuss this topic.

### **Education and Outreach Update**

- Stormie will be attending an upcoming Brewer parade. The duck costume is in Chris' office. Tracy will coordinate with Chris.

### **Stormwater Permit Update**

- David would like to see the permit approved within a month. The push for this is the possible issuance of a new New Hampshire permit, which would create a new minimum and possibly set the stage for additional requirements for the Maine permit.
- Kathy H. made some changes to MCM 1 related to plan development deadlines.
- David had a call with Thelma Murphy (EPA Region 1) last week.
- David is meeting with the Commissioner's staff next week.
- A focus on better record keeping.

- BASWG members still have issues over the MEP language. Disagrees with DEP request.
- Regarding the TMDL related text, David indicated that if an MS4 is on the way to developing a watershed management plan, they will be well on their way to compliance.
- DOT has a concern about the definition of “outfall” from 40CFR.
- BASWG members approved the permit language as a “go” for David, if he can get it through as is; however they would still like the changes they formally requested.

**PY5 Compliance Wrap-Up**

- All requirements for the regional permit have been met. The BASWG report development team will start the report compilation process in July and have a final draft to the BASWG prior to the September meeting.

**Special Session:  
Annual IDDE Sharing (Required by Regional Plan)**

<b>MS4</b>	<b>Information Shared</b>
<b>Bangor</b>	Multiple Illicit Discharged Addressed in PY5: 1) New house connected to the storm drain instead of the sewer system – private contractor did not dig safe 2) Concrete truck was washing out in stream – received notice of violation; cleaned-up; contractor was trained. 3) Had a grease trap overflow into impaired stream (new fats, oils and grease policy; restaurants have to send in records; stream health is being monitored; lots of follow-up; supposed to have an interceptor; Brewer has a citrus breakdown product). 4) A woman was illegal dumping into a catch basin at night (mental health issues). 5) Household draining pool into storm drain. (Changed practice; press release to Bangor area re this issue) 6) Neighborhood with high conductivity levels that could only be associated with industrial solvents. Were unable to id source before levels dropped.
<b>Brewer</b>	None in PY5. GPS'd all ditches and drainage areas; Conducted dry weather outfall Sending out flyers.
<b>Hampden</b>	Found one failing system. Inspections in the spring and fall; GPS data will be shared with water department. Inventoried septic systems and mapped them in the urbanized area. Had sent out a survey previously and sent a follow-up survey. Have conducted their dry weather inspections.
<b>Milford</b>	Did find a possible failing septic system. High stormwater flush area. Will test when dries out more. Dry weather inspections are complete. Some areas of foam found. Four areas were analyzed, but everything acceptable. Rebuilding the Davenport area. Dealing with some issues of cellar drains to the storm drains.

<b>Old Town</b>	City pool was discharging into the storm sewer system – now permitted, test, quarterly report. Dry weather inspections completed – nothing found. One had foam, but was from organic sources. Had to repair countless pipes, catch basins, etc. (100). A complete rebuild is being done on Stillwater Ave. Changing road to three lanes. Improvements being made at the same time. Also new water line and other improvements being made on Veazie Street.
<b>Veazie</b>	None in PY5. Found a cat and plow cut edges in stormdrains. 170 catch basins cleaned and inspected in 3 days; all outfalls GPS'd; dry weather inspections completed. Groundwater intrusions in a few; significant sediment buildup in several; maintenance issues only, no illicit discharges.
<b>MEANG</b>	CES did some of their inspections and they did some on their own. Two illicit discharges: 1) Testing of firefighting foam in newly constructed hanger. Collected in swale on base. While supervisor was away, staff opened swale and released into impaired stream. Fish kill, etc. (Received Notice of Violation; have improved system) 2) Small water main leak found (continuing to update maps)
<b>MS4</b>	<b>Illicit Discharges</b>
<b>DDix</b>	None in PY5. Dry weather inspections completed
<b>UMAB</b>	None in PY5. Dry weather inspections completed
<b>EMCC</b>	None in PY5. Dry weather inspections completed.
<b>UMaine</b>	Not in attendance
<b>Orono</b>	Not in attendance

### Discussion about Possible Guest Speaker on Integrated Approaches

The City of Bangor and others in the state have been thinking about the idea of creating integrated approaches to water management (sewer, stormwater programs and environmental compliance). The goals behind an integrated approach are to manage in a more holistic manner and allocate resources more effectively. A stumbling block for this process has been regulator agency silos, with agencies not in agreement about integration plans and outcomes. Zachary Henderson of Woodard and Curran has offered to come up and talk with the group about integrated approaches. The group agreed that they would like to have him present at the July meeting. Brenda Z. will make arrangements with Zach. Bangor representatives suggested that Zach speak with Art Morgan of Bangor prior to the meeting to get up to date with what is going on in the city related to their integration efforts. Art M. and other Bangor staff will be invited to attend the meeting.

### Next Meetings:

Both the July and August BASWG meetings will be held at the Orono Town Office in Orono, Maine. The July meeting agenda will include a presentation on integrated approaches, a permit update from DEP, a discussion of next steps in the DIMS process, and education and outreach planning for the new permit.

**Meeting Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.