



SMSWG MEETING VIA ZOOM – MEETING NOTES

Wednesday May 26, 2021 12:45-2:15 pm

Attendees:

Berwick – James Bellissimo
South Berwick – Amy Aiguier
Eliot – Steve Robinson, Sara Castellez
Kittery – Jessa Kellogg
GZA – Aimee Mountain
SMPDC – Abbie Sherwin
MTA – Sean Donohue (phone)
DEP – Rhonda Poirier
York – Leslie Hinz
Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc. – Kristie Rabasca

1. Permit Renewal/DEP Update –

- a. Stormwater Management Plans
 - i. Public Comment period ended 5/12/2021 – no public comments received on SMSWG Plans
 - ii. No requests received for public hearings
 - iii. DEP did comment on Public Education Plans
 1. Awareness comments will be addressed by Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District
 2. Behavior Change comments will be addressed by Integrated Environmental Engineering, Inc. (development of baseline data).
 3. KR is checking with DEP on timing to address comments, and if any more comments from DEP will be coming. DEP will email comments (or let you know that they don't have comments) by Friday 5/28/2021 and Towns have 30 days to update plans. Towns without UISs will not receive a permittee-specific DEP Order.
- b. Friends of Casco Bay Appeal: Tentative date for Appeal Hear before Board of Environmental Protection 6/17/2021. Brian Rayback to attend. No objections to KLR attending and charging time to general services agreement. Generally, the BEP doesn't allow public comment during appeal hearing. The meeting is via Zoom.
- c. Other Two MS4 General Permits were issued
 - i. Transportation (4/28/2021 for DOT and MTA) 30-day public comment period ends 5/28/2021 and EPA has 90 days to comment
 - ii. State and Federal Facilities (5/20/2021 for PSNH and others) 30-day public comment period ends 6/19/2021 and EPA has 90 days to comment

Both draft permits include language suggested in the FOCB appeal under Impaired Waters requiring “clear, specific, and measurable” goals for waters that have an EPA-Approved TMDL. In addition, the State and Federal Facilities permit has language requiring implementation of Low Impact Development, which is also a subject of the appeal. K. Rabasca suggested we provide comments on these permits.

2. ISWG/SMSWG Ordinance Committee / Maine Coastal Program Grant update and next steps

- a. Most Recent Ordinance Committee Meeting was 5/3/2021
- b. We set up Workshops for Planning Boards, Planners, Engineers, Code Enforcement
- c. KR sent out notices 5/11/2021 to SMSWG contacts for both the June 10 Workshop (11-12) and the June 15 Workshop (2-3 pm)
- d. Please forward to your Planners and Planning Boards at a minimum to help fulfil Municipal Awareness requirement (if needed) Eliot, Kittery, and York planners have been notified, and will be inviting their Planning Boards. Berwick and South Berwick will send notice soon. If anyone has trouble accessing the links on the flyer then use the links in the email. Ali is going to fix the links in the flyer. Abbie was able to get the complete MS4 email list from Rhonda, so the flyer was sent to all MS4 communities.
- e. SMPDC, ISWG and Kristie worked together to apply for a MCP grant and received funding for Model Ordinance Development. Scheduled to kick-off in August. Will have three technical reviewers (Kathy Conner, from Kittery, Rosalie Starvish from GZA, and Marybeth Richardson from DEP). A legal review of the model ordinances will be completed by MMA. The work will begin August 1, 2021. Two model ordinances will be developed:
 - i. Low Impact Development Strategies
 - ii. Erosion and Sediment Control requirements and Climate Change Options

3. Permit Year 8 Status – see attached handout for actions that need to be completed.

- a. Permit Year ends 6/30/2021.
 - i. Public awareness section is mostly complete.
 - ii. Municipal awareness plan and presentations/outreach are in progress
 - iii. Yellow highlighting indicates municipal action item, salmon highlighting indicates KLR action item
 - iv. Fact sheets have been updated by KLR, except York and Kittery that manage their own fact sheets
 - v. Public education items are mostly completed
 - vi. Opportunistic ditch inspections – towns need to provide KLR with info in whatever format the IDDE plan identifies. Ditch inspections can be recorded in collector app.

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- vii. Water quality reports from water districts – information has been requested.
- viii. Construction / Post-Construction – Towns are tracking this on their own and should provide KLR with a summary at the end of the permit year
- ix. PPGH – inventory of municipal operations – KLR is finalizing
 - 1. Street sweeping & CB cleaning – Towns need to provide data
 - 2. Maintenance – Towns need to provide data
 - 3. SWPPPs – these should be good, but KLR will check back in regarding quarterly monitoring
- b. Annual Reports due to DEP 9/15/2021 (will be one big report again)
- c. Last invoice dates?
 - i. Eliot – June 25th
 - ii. Berwick – June 25th
 - iii. S. Berwick – June 25th
 - iv. Kittery – July 22nd
 - v. York – June 25th
- d. KLR is on vacation June 20 – July 6, so invoices will go out by June 19th

4. Attendee updates

- a. Eliot – None
- b. Kittery – new foreman – Charlie Morrow, formerly the catch basin/street sweeping operator.
- c. York – None
- d. S. Berwick – None
- e. Berwick – Successful litter cleanup a month ago during earth week – the event went viral and tracked the cleanup effort using the Litterati app which allows tracking of the types and amounts of trash that were collected. We hope to use this app more in the next permit cycle.
- f. Others present: MTA – new maintenance foreman at York Highway Maintenance. Sweeping and CB cleaning has already been done for this year. York toll construction is ongoing and they have their ESC measures in place. Project will have some new post-construction BMPs.
- g. SMPDC has a webinar coming up: Impacts of Sea Level Rise on Groundwater in our Coastal Areas – [Webinar Registration - Zoom](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kO7yfwapQo2fiujxcry2w)
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Upcoming Dates of Interest:

- 6/8/2021 EPA Soak up the Rain Webinar: Managing Phosphorus Pollution with Stormwater bioretention [Soak Up the Rain | US EPA](#)
- 6/10/2021 Erosion and Sediment Control Webinar for MS4 (11-12 pm)
- 6/15/2021 Erosion and Sediment Control Webinar for MS4 (2-3 pm)

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Next Meetings: (last Wednesday of Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov)

Wednesday July 21, 2021 – via Zoom again

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm