

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
June 7, 2022 at 11:00am
Essex Town Hall, ZOOM

The Essex Stormwater (MS4) Working Group Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022

Attendees

William Drouin (Apex Co)

Carey Duques (Planning/Zoning/IWWC/Land Use)

Robert Doane, (Town Engineer)

Lisa Fasulo (Health Dept/Land Use)

Rebecca Talamini (AppGeo)

Alyson Finnegan (Selectman's Office)

Absent

Ryan Welch (DPW)

Jessica Sypher (Assessor)

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)

John Guskowski (Town Planner)

Annual Report

Lisa Fasulo reported that the Town did not receive any comments on the 2021 Annual Report from residents nor from DEEP. Bill Drouin stated that the report was average.

Bob Doane asked if we have ever received a response from DEEP for the Annual Reports. Mr. Drouin and Ms. Fasulo stated that DEEP is not timely in reviewing and giving feedback on the reports.

Old Business:

Ms. Fasulo reported that Essex Glen stormwater has been managed and the Town will report that in a future Annual Report once the Town takes ownership of the road.

Mr. Drouin says the Town is in very good shape with a DCIA average of about 6.7%. Mr. Drouin states that we still need to continue to work towards improving that percentage.

Mr. Drouin stated that there will be a revision to the MS4 permit eventually.

Outfalls:

Ryan Welch, although absent, reported to Alyson Finnegan that he needs to pick 6 new locations to get water samples and he will continue the regular catch basin maintenance in July. New locations can be chosen once the old locations have proven to be of good quality for two years in a row. Mr. Doane will help pick new locations.

Annually the Town has one third of the catch basins cleaned, inspected, and vacuumed.

New Business:

Mr. Doane's crew was out locating storm drainage and opened a manhole on Plains Rd to get the inverts and it smelled like a sewer instead of a stormwater drain. Plains Road is a state-owned road and therefore it has a state-owned drainage system. Mr. Doane will give Ms. Fasulo the information about the this drainage manhole soon. Mr. Doane is still trying to find the outlet for the drainage. Mr. Drouin can send over the full analytical sweep for this manhole. Mr. Doane stated that the impact on the drainage system is influenced by the nearby beavers. The damage of the beavers raises the level of the receding waters and it is backing up into the stormwater system. Mr. Doane's crew will locate the entire system. Rebecca Talamini will go through the State GIS and see what they have and add it to our data. Mr. Doane will send the coordinates to Ms. Talamini.

Plans and Public Education - Public Involvement and Participation

Alyson Finnegan will continue to use the Town's social media accounts to educate residents on the stormwater program.

Carey Duques suggested that the Land Use intern could help with MS4 projects.

Next Stormwater Meeting: Wednesday, August 9th, 2022 at 11:00 am, Essex Town Hall, Conf. Room B/ZOOM