

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2022 at 11:00am
Essex Town Hall, ZOOM

The Essex Stormwater (MS4) Working Group Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Attendees

William Drouin (Apex Co)

Lisa Fasulo (Health Dept/Land Use)

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

Rebecca Talamini (AppGeo)

Jessica Sypher (Assessor)

Absent

Ryan Welch (DPW)

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)

John Guskowski (Town Planner)

Robert Doane, (Town Engineer)

Alyson Finnegan (Selectman's Office)

Old Business:

Bill Drouin started the meeting by doing a brief overview of the status of the MS4 plan. We have completed the mapping of the entire municipality: the catch basins and outfalls.

Mr. Drouin stated that the Town continues to keep updating the map with any changes. Ryan Welch gives data to Jessica Sypher and Ms. Sypher gives the data to Rebecca Talamini. Mr. Drouin reported that the Town has completed 100% of investigations for problem catch basins and 40 % of all catch basins. Mr. Drouin also reported that the Town should have completed dry weather inspection of the MS4 outfalls, back in 2020.

Mr. Drouin stated that the Town is moving towards DCIA mapping. The Town should have finished 100% of outfall screening in June 2021. Mr. Drouin mentioned Illicit discharge and priority rankings and that we need additional data from Ryan. Mr. Drouin stated that we have upgraded and enforced legal authority for land disturbance and development, site planning pre and post construction storm water inspections.

We continue to work towards adding BMP's i.e. oil water separators, galleries, retention ponds.

We need to begin implementing 1% annual DCIA disconnect.

Mr. Drouin questioned if we decided on sampling 6 locations? Last year we discussed changing the locations? There are certain areas that we have failures frequently and they should be sampled.

Clamp down on the catch basin illicit discharge inspections in those areas.

The Town doesn't have any endangered species to worry about, therefore our illicit discharge testing areas are whatever the Town deems important. Ms. Fasulo states that testing should be in the densely populated areas.

Ms. Sypher asked everyone about adding to the GIS.

Carey Duques sent Mr. Drouin the updated wetlands regulations and details of an approved project. Mr.

Drouin asked about the stormwater. Ms. Duques stated that the project site is not yet developed so we are not taking stormwater out, just not adding to it.

Rebecca Talamini had nothing new to report. She did want to know if Mr. Welch has been using the asset essentials maps that were set up.

Ms. Fasulo referenced an email from Mr. Drouin: UCONN Clear? Mr. Drouin said that UCONN Clear is looking for a town to volunteer to work in their new program, the stormwater Corps.

Ms. Fasulo shared that Ryan has been working on a paving project. Some catch basin replacements and repairs have been done on Maple, New City Riverview, Foxboro Rd. There has been paving on route 602, a state road from Centerbrook to Ivoryton. Mr. Drouin would like any pertinent stormwater information from that project as well. Mr. Welch will be able to share any new data at the next meeting.

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

Next Stormwater Meeting: November 1, 2022, at 11:00 am, Essex Town Hall, Conf. Room B/ZOOM