

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
September 23, 2020
Zoom Meeting

The Essex Stormwater (MS4) Working Group Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 by Zoom.

Attendees

William Drouin (Apex Co)
Lisa Fasulo (Health Director)
Rebecca Talamini (MapGeo GIS)
Maria Lucarelli (Selectman's Office)
Ryan Welch (DPW)
Joe Budrow (Planning/Zoning/IWWC/Land Use)

Absent

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)
Jessica Sypher (Assessor)
Robert Doane (Town Engineer)
John Guszowski (Town Planner)

Annual Report

Lisa Fasulo reported the Town sent in the payment for the annual report and she did receive confirmation the State received it, but the check has not yet cleared. Bill requested that Lisa send him a copy of the green registered receipt card for his files.

Due to the coronavirus issues we didn't get to do a lot of public education because we are socially distancing and not allowed to do any large group meetings.

There was discussion of stormwater sampling and identifying catch basins need to be clarified.

Ryan reported that we had a higher level, the last sample was high, so we will have to sample again. Bill said we need to sample all of those outfalls for chloride and cyanide which is a sector requirement. Ryan reported he would do the other 6 samples in Town soon. Ryan reported he needs to do personnel training for the industrial stuff. Bill will do the personnel training with Ryan and Lisa today after this meeting. Ryan reported that he does inspections and he was hoping to delegate that to someone else, but that is not happening.

Ryan will send the new locations to Bill. There was discussion that one would be the foot of Main. There was discussion of moving down stream on a few other locations. Another location would be one in Ivoryton near the Ivory Street Bridge. Another would be down by the Shell Station which would be a new location. And to test the bottom of Woodland Drive because there is a catch basin there for the whole neighborhood. There was discussion if Woodland would be considered residential because the runoff is from residential properties and commercial properties are across the road. Ryan also reported there would be testing of the pond behind Cumberland Farms which was tested last year.

So in summary - Ryan stated he would like to test the Foot of Main, the Witch Hazel Stream, intersection of Main Street (near the laundromat) the pond on Westbrook Road (behind Cumberland Farm's), Walnut Street Bridge (near Piano Factory), Rivers Edge Condominium Association is new and the bottom of Woodland Drive.

Bill asked Joe or Lisa if we have installed any retention ponds or galleries, or green engineering lid stuff. . . rain gardens or infiltrators. Joe looked back 4 years. Joe will get a new list to Lisa of any IWWC approved infiltrators. No new LID regulations adopted yet. Joe said it will be in 2021.

Bill reported the Annual Report draft is due by January 30th, 2021. The report covers the time period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Ryan reported he is documenting all outfalls. Rebecca reported she would give Ryan a current list of all outfalls.

Public Education / Participation:

There was discussion of having an MS4, Stormwater, and Emergency Management table in the Auditorium on Election Day – November 3, 2020 to help educated the public.

There was a discussion that the Town should look at the Connecticut River Museum's and the Connecticut River Conservancy for their upcoming events to see if there are any scheduled cleanups or trash pickups along the river.

Bill and Joe discussed lid regulations and the legal stormwater legend standards. Bill wants to get an idea of time frame and timeline of the draft ordinance. Joe reported that he submitted to Lisa all regulations that currently relate to stormwater or best management practices, and he would look at potential and upcoming regulations.

People need to think about where their water is going!

Next Stormwater Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 11:00 am via Zoom