

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2024
Room B/Zoom

Attendees

Lisa Fasulo (Health Director)
William Drouin (Apex Co)
Ryan Welch (DPW)
Carey Duques (Land Use Official)
Rebecca Talamini (MapGeo GIS)
Jessica Sypher (Assessor)
Alyson Finnegan (First Selectman's Office)

Absent

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)
John Guskowski (Town Planner)
Robert Doane (Town Engineer)

Lisa Fasulo and Bill Drouin stated that the DRAFT 2023 MS4 Annual Report is available for the required 45-day public comment period. Ms. Fasulo stated that "Public Notice" was submitted to the Hartford Courant newspaper and published on Feb 13, 2024. The Draft was also posted on the Town website at www.essexct.gov & made available in hard copy in the Land Use office at the Town Hall on Feb 14, 2024.

There was general discussion about getting new catch basin markers.

There was discussion about the new stormwater sampling sites. Ryan Welch will take samples in September. If there's an illicit discharge in a catch basin we need to move upstream to sample and try to find the source of the illicit discharge. The sampling sites will be chosen at the next meeting.

Rebecca Davis reported that this is the time of year to update AppGeo. Ryan Welch and Jessica Sypher will submit the changes to Ms. Davis. There was also discussion of revising the symbols on AppGeo. Ms. Davis will recommend the best symbols to use.

Septic "issues" are frequently discovered at time of property transfers. Mr. Drouin suggested that if there's a surface discharge from a septic system then the closest catch basin should be tested.

Carey Duques will continue to maintain a spreadsheet to track new construction projects. These projects are listed in the Annual Report. Mr. Drouin asked Carey to prepare a stormwater compliance list for residential and commercial construction. Ms. Duques will review how to enforce compliance for stormwater. Erosion control systems also need to be inspected after every significant rainfall event at these sites.

Mr. Drouin reiterated that all resident calls regarding stormwater issues should be documented and submitted at the end of the year for each annual report.

Mr. Drouin stated that the Town engineer must be aware that the criteria for the MS4 permit has changed. Ms. Fasulo would like a checklist from Mr. Drouin so the Town can keep track of the criteria that is now needed.

Alyson Finnegan will continue to maintain the Town social media pages and the Town website to promote public awareness on the stormwater program and forward the social media monthly reports to Ms. Fasulo and Mr. Drouin.

Next Stormwater Meeting: May 14, 2024, at 11:00 am in Conference Room B.