

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023
Room B

Attendees

Lisa Fasulo (Health Director)
William Drouin (Apex Co)
Ryan Welch (DPW)
Carey Duques (Land Use Official)
Rebecca Davis (MapGeo GIS)
Robert Doane (Town Engineer)

Jessica Sypher (Assessor)
Alyson Finnegan (First Selectman's Office)

Absent

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)
John Guskowski (Town Planner)

Lisa Fasulo and Bill Drouin reiterated that the General Permit issued by DEEP in 2017 to all MS4 towns expired on June 30, 2022. DEEP has not yet extended the existing permit nor issued a new MS4 General Permit.

Mr. Drouin received a map of all septic failures from Ms. Fasulo. Ms. Fasulo stated that septic system failures are typically resolved right away. Ms. Fasulo will report septic failures to Ms. Davis once a year for location mapping.

Carey Duques created a spreadsheet to track new construction projects.

Ryan Welch started sampling stormwater sites in December 2022. There were one or two that were high in E. coli. Typically what has been found during testing is E.coli, phosphates, and nitrates. There was discussion of doing dry weather inspections on the Falls River Drive outfalls.

Mr. Drouin noted that the Industrial Stormwater Permit will change next year.

Mr. Drouin will work with Mr. Welch on scheduling training with the public works crew.

Mr. Drouin reported that the Town is in very good shape with the DCIA average but are supposed to continue working to improve it.

There was general discussion about a sediment erosion issue at Essex Glen. Mr. Doane has been trying to address the problem. Mr. Drouin will add this to the annual report.

There was discussion about Sunset Pond and adding a bubbler to the pond to reduce eutrophication.

Ms. Fasulo will get a list of the five gas stations' catch basin/drainage plans and send them to Rebecca Davis to add to the map.

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

The next Stormwater meeting will be on August 8, 2023 at 11:00 am in Conference Room B.