

TOWN OF ESSEX
STORMWATER (MS4) WORKING GROUP
Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023
Room B

Attendees

William Drouin (Apex Co)
Lisa Fasulo (Health Director)
Carey Duques (Land Use Official)
Robert Doane (Town Engineer)
Jessica Sypher (Assessor)
Alyson Finnegan (First Selectman's Office)

Absent

Norman Needleman (First Selectman)
John Guskowski (Town Planner)
Rebecca Davis (MapGeo GIS)
Ryan Welch (DPW)

Bill Drouin stated that the existing MS4 General Permit is extended. Per CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) the MS4 General Permit is reissued AS-IS (no modifications). It was officially re-issued on October 1st, 2023, and will expire in 2 years on September 30th, 2025. Essex should continue all MS4 work as required by the permit. Essex does not have any outstanding violations regarding the MS4 permit requirements.

Mr. Drouin will work with Mr. Welch to schedule MS4 Stormwater & Compliance training in December with the public works crew.

There was general discussion about DEEP and the Connecticut Council on Soil and Water Conservation having revised the Connecticut Guidelines for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control and the Connecticut Stormwater Quality Manual. The effective date for these guidance documents is March 30, 2024. The full adoption of these documents will be phased. During the phased in adoption of the revised manual the 2004 version will also remain available until September 2024.

Bob Doane stated that there is new construction at 8 Heron Pond Rd and 63 South Main Street. Carey Duques will send a list of new homes constructed in 2022-23 to Bill Drouin.

Lisa Fasulo stated that Ryan Welch does not need to choose new "wet-weather" sampling locations. The 6 sites chosen in December 2022 will continue to be sampled through 2024.

Lisa Fasulo will send a list of septic system repairs done in 2023 to Rebecca Davis.

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

Essex must post a draft Annual Report for public comment by Feb 15, 2024. The Annual Report, which details activities conducted during 2023 and progress on meeting MS4 requirements, must be submitted to DEEP by April 1, 2024.

The 2024 calendar of MS4 quarterly meetings was approved.

The next Stormwater meeting will be on February 13, 2024 at 11:00 am in Conference Room B.