Meeting Agenda

Thursday, November 13, 2025 1:00 PM
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1:00 **Welcome and Introductions**

1:10 **MassDEP Stormwater Program updates**, *Doug Coppi, Stormwater Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection*

1:25 **Q&A**

1:30 **Town Updates**

- Top priorities heading into Winter
- Problem areas
- Topics for Spring supplemental education/outreach

2:00 **NSP Updates**

- Introduce Vanan and Catherine
- Updated NSP SWMP will be circulated
- Invoicing update
- School Program Update
- Outreach
    - Fall Yard Waste Campaign
    - Winter de-icing campaign
    - Illicit Discharge sign/poster distribution

2:15 **Adjourn**

Meeting Notes

Attending: 24 (including meeting staff – Kerry Ian Sean Nancy Cath Vanan Anna)
Rory McGregor, Sharon
Carly Rocklen, Norwood
Courtney Botelho, BETA (Randolph and Westwood)
Margaret Laforest, Quincy
Isa Hanley, Quincy
Kristine Meaney, Canton
Regen Jamieson, Canton
Landis Hershey, Walpole
Martin Pillsbury, MAPC
Laurence Langlois, Stoughton
James Conlon, Stoughton
Ryan Norton, Foxborough
Chris Gallagher, Foxborough
Joseph Dunn,
Jesse Aguilar, High Point Engineering (Dedham)
Doug Coppi, MassDEP
Nathan Buttermore, Dedham
Cassandra Calabro, Milton
Brian Howard, Randolph

MassDEP Updates

Regulatory Updates:
New Wetlands Reg= end of this year
Stormwater handbook updates = end of this year (planned)

MS4 Assistance Grant:
9 applications, total funding request ~$450k, available funds ~$250k,
Anticipated: early winter/early next year

Q&A:
Q: EPA progress on renewed MS4?
A: DEP met with EPA early fall for renewal. EPA currently working through public comment review. No target dates, but looking like final draft end of next year, depending on staffing

Q: CII permit updates?
A: MS4 permit is top priority, not many updates on RDA permit

Q: Any expected revisions of the catchbasin replacement requirements in the draft MS4?
A: EPA was anticipating lots of comments on that part, thinking about trying to have more flexibility (maybe along with capital projects?). EPA got a lot of feedback on this issue.

Q: Any word of next generation of wetlands permitting? Future focused/climate, etc. Expecting second round, is that still happening?
A: NPDES group meets with Wetlands people (other group), next iteration unclear, but Doug will connect Martin with Wetlands
A: Regen, 1.5 and 2.0, 2 anticipated rounds. Outside review + internal DEP review, then ready for drafts for next round to put out for comment (based on conference & MassDEP presentation)

Town Updates

Some top priorities:
- Start designing stormwater retrofits for roads scheduled to be paved this upcoming year. Designing in house, similar to Mystic River watershed in trenches/catchbasin retrofit. Streets in areas with well-draining soils, should work nicely in area of town.
- Discussion in town about moving stormwater authority from ConCom to Public Works.

- Boost operating budget on stormwater side. Considering utility fee, or trying to set up, based on budgeting needs (Fall town meeting 2026, to be implemented following fiscal year?).

- Bolster IDDE program, trying to find creative funding for year 10 requirements to set up for success.

- Looking at more BMPs in springtime with paving work (curb-bumpout rain gardens). But big focus is IDDE funding.

- Implementing new bylaws and regulations. Online permitting portal, working on it.
- Beaver management issues: beaver deceivers constructed to alleviate flooding at local businesses, looking to see if that helps with less flooding (sewer access sites) (maintenance ROW)
- Keeping up with SWPPP inspections, IDDE work into new year
- Culvert assessments; a few difficult catchment investigations, but getting down to hardest ones (downtown, busy). DPW going to do lot upgrade, will be updating with retrofits
- Addressing PCP, compiling private basin list to see if they have been managing (to count), looking for retrofits in PCP area along roads (country drainage).
- Asset management, wrapping up, start communication early next year.

NSP Updates

- Introduce Vanan Phan (Social Marketing Specialist) and Catherine Race-Kelly (Education Coordinator)
- Updated NSP SWMP will be circulated-under internal review
- Invoicing delayed but will be coming out!
- School Program transitioned to Catherine and underway
- Outreach
    - Fall Yard Waste Campaign-currently underway
    - Winter de-icing campaign-December
    - Illicit Discharge sign/poster distribution underway