



Goosefare Brook Restoration Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 4, 2017 | 9:30-11:30am | Saco City Hall

In Attendance:

City of Saco: Joe Laverriere

Town of Old Orchard Beach: Megan McLaughlin, Joseph Cooper

Maine DEP: Kristin Feindel

York County Soil and Water Conservation District: Theresa Galvin

Thornton Academy: Bobbie Rausch

Maine Healthy Beaches: Meagan Sims

MTA: John Branscom

MaineDOT: Peter Newkirk

Old Orchard Beach Conservation Commission: Kimbark Smith

Saco Conservation Commission: Craig Burgess (Sebago Technics)

Old Orchard Beach Town Councilor: not present

Ocean Park Property Committee: Susan McGinty (Chair)

Old Orchard Beach Campground: John Daigle

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, September 13th, 9:30-11:30am Saco City Hall (*New date!)

Workplan Task Updates

Task 1- Project Management: YCSWCD to submit semi-annual report to DEP. Theresa will need updated in-kind match spreadsheets from all involved in project.

Task 2- Restoration Committee: Convened twice in 2017 (Feb and May)

Task 3- Education and Outreach:

- The Outreach sub-committee, which consists of Joe Laverriere, Meagan Sims, Megan McLaughlin, Bobbie Rausch and Joe Cooper, planned and conducted April Stool's Day, with Meagan as point person for organizing events in Saco, OOB (and Portland/South Portland). Approximately 50 volunteers were involved, as were Bobbie Rausch and students from TA. Both OOB and Saco assisted with trash pick-up and supplies.
- Stream Clean-ups were postponed to May 13th.

- Storm drain stenciling activities planned for Fall
 - Theresa to find out if Saco Middle School has stencils and/or locate source to borrow from, either DEP or another municipality
 - Joe Laverriere requested to see the content of the stencils prior to implementation.

Task 4- NPS Abatement Projects:

- *Includes 5 stormwater retrofit projects, 3 stream corridor erosion projects and 4 stream buffer projects.*
 - Tentative schedule for 2017- Erosion sites E10, E25. Buffer enhancement sites B22, B33. Stormwater Retrofit Sites 23 (OOB) ,33 and 44
 - Tentative schedule for 2018- Erosion site E26. Buffer Enhancement sites B12 and B13. Stormwater Retrofit sites 11A and 11B.
 - The 2017 Stormwater Retrofit sites in Saco are being designed by Joe L. The 2017 Erosion and Buffer sites are being designed by YCSWCD.
 - Installation of the 2017 Stormwater Retrofit to be completed by Saco DPW crews
 - Joe L., Theresa and District Engineer Chris Baldwin conducted site visits to erosion control and buffer projects; planning underway for 2017 erosion projects (near Industrial Park Rd. culvert, and in the OOB Campground) and buffer projects (on Bear Brook near City Pump Station and then on Industrial Park Rd.)

Task 5- Ordinance Development:

- Assistant Planner Megan McLaughlin is working on a Fill Ordinance for small projects that are not part of large subdivisions. She reports that they hope to have a draft ready by February 2018, then will seek Council approval.

Task 6- Private Property Stormwater Retrofit Matching Grants:

- Joe Laverriere reported that there is an applicant he is working with that may be a viable possibility; he continues to be on the lookout for additional possibilities

Additional Watershed Efforts:

- New culvert installation on Industrial Park Rd (partially funded by a MDEP culvert grant, MaineDOT MPI funds with Saco contributing the remainder) scheduled to take place in July 2017; will involve weekend road closures
- Peter Newkirk of Maine DOT reports:
 - that he wants to know ASAP about any projects in Urban Impaired Stream watersheds for planning purposes
 - Peter requested a copy of the conceptual roadway improvements associated with the approved Dunkin Donuts site in OOB. This is a good example of a

potential opportunity to incorporate stormwater quality control as part of a planned roadway improvement project.

- in 2006 MaineDOT installed a Vortech stormwater device at the Park N Ride which has not been functioning; MaineDOT would like to get that system up and running
 - Peter shared a design of the Park N Ride proposed project; surveying and engineering work currently underway; approx. \$300K cost; implementation planned for 2018 and will include expansion of lot, paving and stormwater treatment system
- EPA Study – not finished yet; early results do show that chromium and PCBs are getting through the system and that the source is likely the Saco Defense and Saco Steel sites.
 - Joe L. provided an update of the Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) event in a cross country sewer behind Industrial Park Road that occurred earlier this spring. The SSO was reported to MDEP and promptly corrected; however, an unknown volume of sanitary waste was discharged to a tributary to Goosefare Brook. The source of the blockage was identified and remedial measures/enforcement are in process.
 - Meagan Sims from Maine Healthy Beaches reported that OOB is trying to secure more funding to conduct DNA work and follow-up on results from UNH sampling

Next Steps

- Perform Goosefare Clean-Up effort on May 13th. Spread the word of the rescheduled event.
- Complete design and construction of Saco Stormwater Retrofit, Buffer and Erosion Sites.