

MMEG Webinar – January 2014

Q & A

Q: I am a volunteer member of our town's local water committee. I am not a paid employee of the town. Am I eligible to register for the MMEG web site?

A: Yes. You just have to follow all the site rules.

Q: Can you find town information even if the town is not registered on the website?

A: All cities and towns have a record in the system, but if no user from that municipality is registered on the site, its information will not be visible. The purpose of the city/town record is to list all of the website users who work for that municipality.

Q: This is a great idea and will be very helpful to towns. Will state agencies like DOER and DOR be part of the discussions? Many times, towns have questions for them.

A: Yes, as needed, DOER will provide answers to questions, or will facilitate answers from other state agencies.

Q: Will sales people have access to this site?

A: No. Many users work for private companies in addition to being committee members, but we have strict rules against advertising or trying to make sales through the site. Users that don't follow those guidelines will be warned and eventually banned if it persists.

Q: How many people are currently registered?

A: Around 200 users.

Q: In MMEG Search, what does "Company Contains" mean? Does that include the city/towns? If not, how do you search for all the people in a particular town?

A: Basically, if the words you search for are contained within the community or organization's full name they'll be in the results. If you searched for "town of" you would get all towns, if you look up "Cambridge," you'll find all registered users that work for the city of Cambridge.

Q: What is the url to the website?

A: members.mma.org/mmeg

Q: What is the email address to get set up?

A: mmeg@mma.org

Q: Is there a "help" area on the site to help with navigation?

A: No, but the site will continue to evolve and this could be added if enough users find that it is necessary.

Q: Will town Green Community reports be made available via direct deposit?

A: We do not anticipate placing large technical documents such as the Green Community annual reports on MMEG. However, we will be releasing a Progress Report for the Designation and Grant Program this summer that we will post to the DOER website and on MMEG and data from the Annual Reports will be contained in the Progress Report. We are exploring the possibility of posting the Final Grant reports on DOER's website. If someone is interested in a particular report, he/she can always make a public information request.

Q: Search can only find documents on this web site, right? Not search DOER or any other town's data, right?

A: That's correct, only data in our system will come up. If you want to do a web wide search, it's easier to use Google than for us to try to build that in our website.