



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

1 **Stormwater Advisory Committee**
2 **Minutes of March 3, 2021 Meeting**
3 Location: Online Meeting via Zoom
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5 **Members Present:** Jeanne Walker, Leah Lester, Brian McGrattan, Ned Breed, Maeghan Dos
6 Anjos (ex-officio), Evan White (ex-officio)
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8 **Members Absent:** None
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10 **Public Present:** Rob St Germain, Kevin Langmeyer, Preethi Sreeraj (joined 7:28 pm)
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12 **Call to order at 6:33pm**
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14 **Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2021**
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16 A motion was made by Mr. Breed to accept the draft minutes as submitted. Mrs. Lester
17 seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4-0-0.
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19 **Updates and Follow-ups**
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21 Mr. White provided an update on the impact of the Arbella property storm water management.
22 GCG did a third party review of the project and noted concerns on the storm water design. Mr.
23 White spoke with the consultants regarding the hydraulic analysis, and concurred, as did Ms.
24 Dos Anjos.
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26 Ms. Dos Anjos worked on the proposed regulations to ensure consistency with the MS4 and
27 IDDE requirements. The stormwater coalition hired Archadis and they reviewed the proposed
28 regulations. They had some suggestions specifically around phosphorus control.
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30 **Review Annual Budget & target a date to report to the Select Board**
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32 Mr. White reported that the expected spend in Plan year 2, FY 2021 (this year) is \$306,612 and
33 that full year revenue is expected to be \$375,000.
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35 Mr. White will reconcile the budget with revenue and will include potential contingencies for Year
36 3. Mr. McGrattan noted that the directive from the select board was to produce an assessment
37 without any retained earnings and recommended reducing the rate if the surplus proves to be
38 persistent. Mr. White will also correct the Year 4 projections.
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41 **Review Public Education Messages**
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43 Mr. White presented the available public education messages that have been produced by the
44 town and the Think Blue Coalition, supporting a variety of stormwater issues including
45 construction run-off, septic system maintenance, dog waste control and yard waste disposal.
46 Mr. White also informed the committee that he had produced a video describing the storm water
47 system, and differentiating it from the sewer system.

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Other Business

Mr. White will follow up with the Select Board on the state of the stormwater division budget and program.

Ms. Dos Anjos will chase signatures for the Waushakum NOI and send it out.

Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on March 31, 2021 at 6:30 pm and be conducted as an online meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. McGrattan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Lester seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Documents Referenced

- March 3, 2021 posted agenda
- February 10, 2021 draft minutes

