



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Stormwater Advisory Committee**

### **Minutes of January 7, 2020 Meeting**

Location: Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Meeting Room A

**Members Present:** Robert St. Germain, Jeanne Walker, Leah Lester, Brian McGrattan, Maeghan Dos Anjos (ex-officio), Evan White (ex-officio)

### **Meeting opened at 7:05p**

### **Previous Minutes**

Motion to accept minutes of December 12, 2019 as amended. Approved 4-0

### **Committee Membership**

After discussion on the differentiation between committee members and associate committee members, a motion was made to request that the Select Board appoint Mr. Edward (Ned) Breed to the Stormwater Advisory Committee (SWAC). The motion was seconded and passed on a 4-0 vote.

The SWAC deferred discussion on inviting Mr. Eddy Luttmmer to the next meeting to confirm his interest in joining the SWAC as an Associate Member.

### **School Outreach**

Mrs. Lester provided an update on the School Outreach initiative in support of SWAC's mission to provide education to the public in general and youth in the town's schools. Mrs. Lester informed the committee of her discussions with the faculty and administration at the Mindess School. She has proposed a session with the school's 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders to introduce the concept of stormwater management through the use of the Enviroscape demonstrator. The teachers have agreed to permit the three 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students to participate in small groups on January 28. There was a brief discussion of support materials to be used with the students. Mrs. Lester, Maggie Lester and Ms. Walker will conduct the demonstrations. Mr. St. Germain will also assist if necessary. The committee brainstormed potential strategies for incorporating stormwater management into the High School curriculum.

### **Updates**

Mr. White and Mr. St. Germain met with the Conservation Committee (ConCom) to authorize the DPW Stormwater Division (DPW-SW) to attend site inspections. ConCom agreed and extended authority to DPW-SW staff. Mr. White and Mr. St. Germain also met with Town Planner and will meet with the Planning Board in an attempt to get DPW-SW signature authority on occupancy permits.

Mr. White and Ms. Dos Anjos provided an update on Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) activities. Ms. Dos Anjos put together a stakeholders list. Mr. White is scheduling a mid-February workshop at the Community Center to establish funding priorities.

The SWAC noted that the town census was distributed with the notice to dog owners to renew licenses but did not include the dog waste flyer. The committee will brainstorm at the next meeting on how we can communicate better with the relevant town functions and the public in general.

Mr. St. Germain gave an update on the Town Forest Committee's (TFC) plan to create a rain garden at the Oak Street entrance to the town forest. The TFC will be meeting and voting on the plantings required and the construction by the DPW. The rain garden will serve as an important demonstrator to the town for stormwater management.

### **Fees and Abatements**

The ongoing discussion on stormwater fees and abatements was tabled at the concurrence of the committee.

### **Bylaws and Regulations**

Mr. White and Ms. Dos Anjos have a rough working draft of proposed regulations in support of the town's Illegal Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. Mr. White distributed copies of the Town of Grafton regulations ("Title 7 – Licensing and Regulation; Chapter 15 - Storm Water Management and Erosion Control") as well as a draft of the Ashland regulations ("Chapter 343 – Stormwater Management"). Mr. St. Germain discussed the role of SWAC in public oversight of the proposal by Mr. White and Ms. Dos Anjos.

### **Next Meeting**

February 6, 2020, 7:00pm, Town Hall, 101 Main Street, Meeting Room A

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting and was approved 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

### **Documents Incorporated by Reference**

"Title 7 – Licensing and Regulation; Chapter 15 -Storm Water Management and Erosion Control" Town of Grafton, MA

"Chapter 343 – Stormwater Management" Town of Ashland, MA