



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

Stormwater Advisory Committee **Minutes of February 10, 2021 Meeting** Location: Online Meeting via Zoom

Members Present: Jeanne Walker, Leah Lester, Brian McGrattan, Ned Breed, Maeghan Dos Anjos (ex-officio), Evan White (ex-officio)

Members Absent: None

Public Present: Preethi Sreeraj

Call to order at 6:32pm

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the January 13, 2021 were approved as amended on a 4-0-0 vote.

Updates

- Mr. White reported this is a slow time of the year for the Stormwater Division. Behind the scenes, the Sirius Apartments requires an update of the hydraulic analysis for the new development. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council is executing a bid to contract along with TRUAX. There is a training session to reinforce knowledge of the Stormwater Division.

Stormwater Permits for Large Scale Properties

Mr. White met with two representatives of the Charles River Watershed Association (CRWA) in order to ascertain their goals. They would like support in petitioning the EPA to require an MS4 permit for large properties in the watershed. In Ashland, this would affect a small number of properties, and would have little impact on the enterprise fund. Mr. White noted a lack of detail in many aspects of their proposal. Mr. McGrattan raised several concerns with the definition of a large scale property, impact on residential as well as commercial properties and the unacceptable way of getting large properties to test.

Waushakum Notice of Intent (NOI)

Ms Dos Anjos provided an update on the Waushakum NOI. The need for remediation is evident in that the pond is rapidly eutrophying, leading to rapid native and invasive plant growth, especially on the Ashland side of the pond. The Stormwater Advisory Committee is being asked to support the NOI, including the application of herbicides. Treatments should begin around July 1. Ms. Dos Anjos noted that this action is treating only the results of stormwater runoff into the pond and does not address the root cause. A motion was made to sponsor the NOI and seconded. The motion passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Review of Draft Stormwater Regulation Changes

Ms Dos Anjos stated that there had been no further revisions to the January draft. A motion was made to accept the draft as is and to forward the proposed changes to the Conservation Commission. The motion was seconded and passed on a 4-0-0 vote.

Other Business

Ms. Preethi Sreeraj has expressed an interest in joining SWAC. A discussion concerning adding her as a full member as soon as an opening created by the resignation of Mr. St. Germain is formalized, or to add her as an associate member in the interim. The preference of the committee is to add her as a full member as soon as permitted.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, March 3, 2021 (Online Meeting via Zoom) at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Documents Referenced

- February 10, 2021 posted agenda
- January 13, 2021 draft minutes
- Waushakum NOI (Ms. Dos Anjos document)