



Town of Ashland

MASSACHUSETTS

Stormwater Advisory Committee Minutes of March 3, 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: Rob St Germain, Kevin Langmeyer, Preethi Sreeraj (joined 7:28 pm)

Call to order at 6:33pm

Approval of Minutes: February 10, 2021

A motion was made by Mr. Breed to accept the draft minutes as submitted. Mrs. Lester seconded the motion. The motion was passed 4-0-0.

Updates and Follow-ups

Mr. White provided an update on the impact of the Arbella property stormwater management. GCG did a third party review of the project and noted concerns on the storm water design. Mr. White spoke with the consultants regarding the hydraulic analysis, and concurred, as did Ms. Dos Anjos.

Ms. Dos Anjos worked on the proposed regulations to ensure consistency with the MS4 and IDDE requirements. The stormwater coalition hired Archadis and they reviewed the proposed regulations. They had some suggestions specifically around phosphorus control.

Review Annual Budget & target a date to report to the Select Board

Mr. White reported that the expected spend in Plan year 2, FY 2021 (this year) is \$306,612 and that full year revenue is expected to be \$375,000.

Mr. White will reconcile the budget with revenue and will include potential contingencies for Year 3. Mr. McGrattan noted that the directive from the select board was to produce an assessment without any retained earnings and recommended reducing the rate if the surplus proves to be persistent. Mr. White will also correct the Year 4 projections.

Review Public Education Messages

Mr. White presented the available public education messages that have been produced by the town and the Think Blue Coalition, supporting a variety of stormwater issues including construction run-off, septic system maintenance, dog waste control and yard waste disposal. Mr. White also informed the committee that he had produced a video describing the storm water system, and differentiating it from the sewer system.

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