



# Town of Ashland

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Stormwater Advisory Committee** **Minutes of March 31, 2021 Meeting** Location: Online Meeting via Zoom

**Members Present:** Jeanne Walker, Brian McGrattan, Ned Breed, Maeghan Dos Anjos (ex-officio), Evan White (ex-officio), Preethi Sreeraj (joined 7:33)

**Members Absent:** Leah Lester

**Public Present:** None

**Call to order at 6:38pm**

**Approval of Minutes: March 3, 2021**

A motion was made by Mr. Breed to accept the draft minutes as submitted. Mr. McGrattan seconded the motion. The motion was passed 3-0-0.

#### **Updates and Follow-ups**

Mr. White reported that the first construction inspections are underway. He also reported that he is in the process of recreating forms with the aid of consultants. Ms. Dos Anjos also reported increasing inspections.

There are a number of active projects (Public Safety Building, 82 West Union, the Downtown Project, a booster pump on Independence Lane, Rt 126 redevelopment) requiring inspections. Mr. White reported that staffing is adequate for now.

Ms. Dos Anjos reported that the Waushakum documents are proceeding, but that permitting might be too late for implementation this year.

The committee followed up on providing support for the Charles River Watershed Association's request to regulate large parcels for runoff. The committee did not come to a decision because of ambiguity in the proposal. Mr. White will reach out to the CRWA to understand their goals and will report his findings to the committee. By consensus, SWAC will wait until more information is available. Mr. White will inform the CRWA.

The discussion of articles to the Local Pages was deferred until the full committee is present.

#### **Budget**

Mr. White lead the committee through MS4 Year 3 expected expenditures and contingencies for additional testing of phosphorus and other topics. Mr. White will talk to the Select Board on timing and other requirements for the annual report to the Board.

### **Other Business**

Ms. Walker suggested that the committee support rotating messages to be aired on WACA.

Ms. Walker noted that the Green Up Ashland activities, and its related Adopt-A-Street. She suggested that SWAC consider a similar program, Adopt-A-Drain.

Ms. Walker confirmed that although the Farmer's Market will be open, there are still restrictions on activities, and that there will be no community tent.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting will be held on April 22, 2021 (subsequently postponed to May 20, 2021) at 6:30 pm and be conducted as an online meeting.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The motion passed on a 3-0-1 vote.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

### **Documents Referenced**

- March 31, 2021 posted agenda
- March 3, 2021 draft minutes