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Stormwater Committee Regular Meeting Minutes May 2, 2019

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Board Members Present: Gary Weiner, Chair; Andrew Netherwood, Dena Grochmal, Karl Stenberg

Gary Weiner called the meeting to order at 5:11 PM and announced the meeting was being recorded.

T&B has sent the Committee a new scope of services. It was a revised to include providing manpower to do sampling and a review of structures in the area of concern. Submitted on April 16, the cost would be in the committee's budget. Gary had reviewed the proposal and spoke to Mark that as part of T&B doing the catch basin sampling, they would need someone from the Highway Department to go with them for a total of 6 days. The cost of this is \$7,000 and in Gary's opinion, it is a good number as it is synonymous with what they would have paid for an intern. The committee will recommend the proposal to the BOS for approval.

Dena looked at the proposal and noted that there wasn't anything specifically listed for "sampling". Outfall and dry weather screening are listed so she asked if they had to do sampling in year 1 and 2? Gary said it was on page 4, and that it specified dry weather sampling.

Dena asked if this would also include lab sampling. Gary said that \$10,000 was put as a line item for the selectmen's budget for that. Andrew made a motion to recommend the proposal from Tighe and Bond that was revised on April 16. Gary 2nd, all in favor 4-0.

Gary recapped that the committee had met with AECOM as well and had asked for a scope of services that would mimic what T&B offers. There was an Advisory meeting scheduled for the 16th and AECOM couldn't supply numbers by that point. Gary thanked AECOM for their presentation however since they couldn't provide a scope of services or number prior to that date, the SW committee had decided to go with T&B.

Mark had data entry training on Wednesday. He said it went very well. SC committee has purchased an IPAD and recorder and the software has been loaded onto the IPAD. It is a phenomenal tool. He did remark that there could be a cell phone set up to the software as well. Dena said that it's a data service with a monthly fee and that it needs MIFI. Andrew said to look into FirstNet from ATT.

Two items to discuss about fiscal year 2019 – T&B had not been given approval for the IMDBB program but that has since been taken care of. The other issue is transcribing minutes which has not been done. Gary mentioned that he thinks this has been resolved as Joanne or Pam would be willing to work off hours. There is an hourly rate of \$20 to transcribe minutes with an allotment of \$2000 for the year of 2020. Andrew made a motion to hire someone to put minutes on paper for \$20 an hour and Dena 2nd. All on favor 4-0.

On April 16th Mark, Gary and John Plaster went to the Advisory meeting. They gave a brief presentation about the Stormwater Committee and where they were in terms of implementing the program. They noted that they raised a few eyebrows about the towns long term commitment in Stormwater management and there were lots of great questions raised. The Advisory Committee is on board and there were no problems with listing appropriations of \$61,000 for next year.

SC then discussed the educational piece that's required. Dena has things from PDPC that she can share with the board. T&B said they can make a slide presentation for a town meeting. This all needs to be done for June 30. It was suggested by Advisory that if there is a brochure that is an overview of what the SC is it can be given out at the town meeting. Dena said there are some flyers out that can be done about lawn clippings and fertilizing, and it was suggested that they set up a display table. It was asked if someone had to be there? Not necessarily, just set it up and let it run. The committee can set things up at the senior center as well. Dena will do some research and get back to everyone. With a week away from town meeting, they might not have time to get the presentation ready however, Andrew suggested maybe running the presentation over the TVs that are accessible at the church where meeting is being held.

The SC needs to make sure to maintain public relations and public outreach.

The SC Committee's next order of business will be to revise the SW regulations and bylaws which will be presented at the October Town Meeting. They need conservation and planning to review the bylaw. They are guessing that there will be feedback from taxpayers. Gary said absolutely because even over time when dry water sampling is done, individual houses may be contacted due to what is detected in the outfall.

Selectmen are the currently the enforcers of the stormwater management plan.

Dena asked if the committee has discussed the Police Station and how they will create a plan and manage their facility. They are included in the T&B plan. It was asked if they will develop their own separate facility plan. The committee doesn't think the Senior Center, or the police station will take that on. This isn't due until Year 3 though. TWB will eventually need to be on the management list as well.

The question was asked if tree removal would require a permit and after discussion the committee said that no it probably wouldn't but if someone was clearing over an acre then it would.

The town bylaw is available online.

Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 13. Andrew made a motion, Karl 2nd all in favor 4-0.

Gary made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dena 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Submitted by Kristen Gumlaw