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**Stormwater Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes
December 5, 2019
Approved on 9/17/20**

Members Present: Gary Weiner, Dena Grochmal, Mark Langone, John Matthew, John Plaster

Guest: Nancy Zebert

Gary called the meeting called to order at 5:05pm. The meeting is being recorded.

The Committee has two sets of minutes to approve. The first set of minutes is from February 7th. Two spelling corrections were identified. John M. made a motion to approve February 7th minutes as amended. All in favor 5-0.

Andrew arrived at 5:07.

The next set of minutes were from June 13th. A spelling correction is needed. John M. made a motion to approve the June 13th minutes as amended. All in favor 5-0.

As previously discussed, the Stormwater Committee wishes to hold a joint informational meeting with the Conservation Commission, Planning and the Building Inspector to discuss the changes in the stormwater regulations. The Stormwater Committee can give a presentation of the draft regulations and discuss any questions about them. The amended regulations need to get to Tighe and Bond soon, so the committee is looking to schedule the meeting sometime in January. The committee decided it would be best to schedule the meeting on January 22 at 7pm, with a snow date of February 5th. John M. will discuss with Planning and Andrew will talk to the Conservation Commission. The committee will send the selectmen a note to let them know about the meeting. John M. said that he would ask Joanne to send a note to TA about the meeting. Need to be sure that each department posts about the meeting.

Gary sent Tracy an email about the changes that will be made to the regulations but he hasn't heard anything back yet. Dena said that Tracy has been very busy lately.

Gary then addressed some of the changes that he had made to the stormwater regulations and said that he had sent everyone a draft copy. The first issue to discuss

is that the Building Inspector is listed as the designated agent however the wording needs to be edited to include "or assigned replacement i.e. highway." Projects would still need to go back to the Selectmen for approval.

Another change made was in regards to "Applicability" as to keep the language consistent throughout the document. Section 4, under "Procedures and Requirements" Gary included the proposed time limit as 21 days for the review of stormwater applications. In this time period, the Building Inspector would have received the data needed and would distribute to planning and conservation. No decision needs to be made, however it will allow for the plan to keep moving and not remain under review.

The committee then discussed the changes made to "Exemptions". Gary mentioned that for the most part, Hampden and Wilbraham's regulations have the same language, and that he referenced the Wilbraham regulations when reviewing Hampdens. Sections B, C and D would remain the same. The committee reviewed the language for the other exemptions and made the following changes:

Section A – now reads "additions or modifications to existing single family structures as approved by the designated agent", which would be the building inspector.

Section E – discusses "single family residential uses distributing less than 40,000 square feet". Discussion ensued as technically residents would need a permit as this means that an acre of land would be disturbed. This would need to be determined on a case by case basis. Section E will now reference agricultural activities and will use the wording in the Wilbraham bylaw.

Section F – will reference the logging activity.

Section G – would include "work undertaken by the Hampden DPW". Should the highway department need to handle emergency work they would not be required to gain a permit before doing so.

Section H – "repairs or replacements of existing sewage disposals as approved by the Board of Health."

Gary will send the draft changes to Emily at Tighe and Bond which needs to be completed by January 9th. The Catchment Investigation SOP's were also due on January 9th. Mark said that sampling is done but that Tighe and Bond discovered more catch basins in the designated area. Mark said everything is fine now and that to date there haven't been any weather sampling that has been returned from the lab.

The next stormwater committee meeting is scheduled to January 9th at 5.

Mark wanted to let everyone know that he will be meeting with the BOS on December 9th to begin discussing the budget. The committee with therefore need to discuss the budget for Year 3 and Gary said that he would need to talk to Tracy to discuss the upcoming scope of services from T&B. This would include sampling. Mark commented that this year they sent out less than 8 samples out of 68 outfalls. The tests were cheaper to run and totaled less than \$1200.

John made a motion to adjourn at 5:58. Dena 2nd all in favor 5-0.

Submitted by Kristen Gumlaw