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Stormwater Committee Regular Meeting Minutes January 14, 2021

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Board Members Present: Gary Weiner, Chair; Mark Langone, John Plaster, Karl Sternberg, John Matthew, Andrew Netherwood (6:10).

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm. Gary made a motion to approve the November minutes which was seconded. All in favor 6-0.

The first agenda item that was discussed was Tighe and Bond's scope of services for FY2022. The total cost is estimated to be \$33,600 which is less than the \$40,000 that was needed for the previous year. Gary then talked about the committee's budget and funds that were spent this year. Emily from Tighe and Bond has estimated that this year's lab testing for wet weather sampling will be about \$2,000-\$3,000. One project that would currently benefit the town is the purchase of a TV and a storm drain for Wilbraham Road where there is a settlement problem. Mark has already received a quote from Fletcher and it would cost about \$2,000 to do this. They need to put a camera where there is little to no snow because they are unsure of the exact water flow. He is hoping that the issue is at the beginning of the inlet and that they are going to try to map it however there is no guarantee that they will be able to. The committee agreed that it seems appropriate to fund this project as it would further assist the implementation of the MS4 program that the town is in. Gary made a motion to spend the money to have Fletcher upgrade the mapping and to determine if there is a stormwater issue. Andrew 2nd, all in favor 6-0.

The committee then discussed if the town would be able to do one street sweeping a year. Emily has said that to get a waiver to decrease the street sweeping would be difficult however the committee can still request one. Andrew made a motion to tell Tighe and Bond to move forward on getting a waiver. John 2nd, all on favor 6-0. Gary will discuss this with the BOS.

Tighe and Bond is going to look at nitrogen levels in water sources in July.

There was further discussion about permit fees, the stormwater account, budget and the logistics of funding stormwater projects. This is a subject that will be revisited in the future. The committee will ask the Building inspector at the next meeting how many stormwater permits the department has received and the total revenue from these permits. Gary will find out if the BOS approved the line items from Tighe and Bond that are on the current budget and if the committee needs to submit another budget. Most of the line items and amounts will stay the same as last year. Gary then discussed each line item and how much was left in the budget for FY 2021. Andrew asked if there was any extra money available for other purchases such as an extra tablet and case.

The committee also talked about the educational piece and Mark mentioned that he is currently putting stormwater information on the town website and creating flyers. The committee can also use Facebook as a way to communicate with the public however they would need someone to manage it. Gary will reach out to Craig Rivest and ask him to come to the February meeting to discuss assisting with creating a slideshow as part of educational outreach.

Mark has another project to potentially set up with Fletcher. There is an issue behind Highland Circle, and the project might end up costing the same as Wilbraham Road. Mark would like to investigate the basins and pump line that go out to an easement between two houses. This is not a high priority project, so it can be done at any time.

There are still revisions that need to be made while amending the stormwater bylaw. Emily submitted her revisions and changed some of the language and the exemptions. Gary had asked everyone to review the bylaw as it needs to be ready for a hearing prior to the town meeting. John Matthew said that Planning had a question about Section Three "Applicability" and "Exemptions". The committee discussed this and decided to change some wording. Peer reviews for bigger projects should also be charged to the applicant. Gary will discuss this with Emily.

Next meeting will be February 18th.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn at 8:00pm, Karl 2nd. All in favor 6-0.