

STORMWATER TASK FORCE (SWTF)
MINUTES
October 25, 2018

The Stormwater Task Force (SWTF) met in the Ritter Building, first floor conference room, as scheduled, with Phyllis Luck and Matt Allison; Land Use Director Burney as well as Consultants Ed Himlan and Mike Clark were also in attendance. The meeting opened at 6:30 pm.

Minutes of the September 13, 2018 were reviewed; two corrections noted; will be accepted next month when Jack Rabbitt is in attendance.

Phyllis Luck announced that the Town has been notified that Lunenburg's Proposal for FFY 2019 s.319 Nonpoint Source Competitive Grants Program, Mulpus Brook Healthy Watershed Project, was not among those recommended to be funded this year. This will be put on the January 2019 meeting agenda for discussion.

Adam Burney relayed that the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Notice of Intent (NOI) was received by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on September 26.

There was a review of Minimum Control Measure (MCM) 3, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program. It was determined that the Town has the legal authority required under the General Bylaws. Further, it was pointed out that the Sanitary Sewer System is fairly new, therefore there are no issues with Sanitary Sewer System overflows. Mike Clark reported that he had met with Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Rodriquenz earlier today and that the DPW Director had requested a quote from Design Consultants, Incorporated (DCI), to complete the requirements of MCM 3. DCI's proposal will be received next week, according to Mike Clark. Adam Burney agreed to work with DPW Director Rodriquenz on the details required to move this project forward.

There was a review of MCM 4, Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control. Adam Burney reported that the ordinances and procedures required as Best Management Practices (BMP's) in this section of the MS4 Permit have already been incorporated in the Town's regulations. However, there may still be a need for written procedures for site plan approval.

Land Use Director Burney is in discussions with the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission (MRPC) regarding data management training assistance. He reported that the approximate cost of required equipment, tablets, would be about \$1,000; training would be provided at no cost. Although several obstacles have been identified, he is continuing to work with DPW Director Rodriquenz to accomplish this important step of electronically recording data in the field.

Phyllis Luck shared Town Meeting Warrant Article 17, which asks the Town to create a bylaw for the reduction of plastic bags. There was a discussion on the issues caused by careless tossing of these bags, which often clog stormwater drains, and make their way into rivers, lakes, streams, and oceans. Matt Allison made a motion that the Stormwater Task Force support passage of this article at Town Meeting; Phyllis Luck seconded, all voted in favor.

Meeting Schedule: it was suggested that the SWTF meet on November 15, and 29. It will be determined at a November meeting, when the next meetings will occur: December 6 and January 10 are possible dates. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are held at 6:30 pm, in the Ritter Building, upper conference room.

Motion: M. Allison
To adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

2nd: P. Luck
Vote: All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Luck, Chair SWTF
Member, BOS

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