

Minutes

Date: 10/28/2020

Time: 10:00 AM

Attendees: Bill Coyle, Joanna Paquin, Eilish Corey, Adam Menard, Caleb Moody

Purpose: Stormwater Committee Meeting

Notes:

Although not an official member of the stormwater committee, Shannon Regan is typically invited to meetings and will be included in the next invitation.

Presentation

Eilish presents an overview of the stormwater work completed over the last MS4 Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020) as well as the major objectives for Year 3.

- Bill confirms work to remove uncovered salt pile in DPW yard is underway. It will be mixed with sand and be made available for free to residents.
- The Town will need to start sending out a chloride educational message to commercial/industrial users this winter. Joanna suggests looking into New Hampshire educational documents or possibly UNH.
- The Town will also need to enact a Chloride bylaw. It is typically easier to update an existing bylaw. The existing aquifer by-law may be a good candidate and was being considered for other updates as well.
- The existing stormwater bylaw is enacted but has not been enforced to date. Enforcement will begin immediately with Eilish as reviewer using MassDEP stormwater handbook as regulations. Caleb to send Eilish building permit applications to review.
 - The town's review thresholds are stringent compared to other communities in the CMRSWC service area. However, smaller projects will be held to a different standard than larger projects. Therefore, no changes to the thresholds are proposed at this time.
- The Town has draft stormwater regulations but they need to be re-written in order to incorporate changes due to the MS4 permit. The CMRSWC is holding a workshop for by-law writing on November 19th that Eilish and Joanna will attend.
- Enforcement of the illicit discharges is given authority by the existing stormwater bylaw. Discussion given to the method by which illicit discharges will be removed – need to define public versus private responsibilities. Some municipalities place entire burden on private owner, some take on all costs, but most do somewhere in between.

- Consideration should be given to starting a protected fund for paying for this work.
Would be funded by fees from the stormwater permit. Would be similar to the program that CMRPC runs for replacing failing septic systems.
- Next date of the Stormwater Committee is planned for December 10th at 9:00 or 10:00, depending upon availability.
- Bill makes a motion to adjourn at 11:28am. Adam seconds.

Action Items:

- Eilish to research stormwater education materials for chloride.
- Eilish to research other nearby municipalities that use the “minor” and “major” land disturbance permit structure.
- Eilish to research CMRPC septic fund and determine if this work falls under “betterment” of private property.
- Eilish to update stormwater regulations draft to incorporate MS4 changes.
- Eilish and Joanna to attend CMRSWC by-law workshop.
- Caleb to sign Eilish up as reviewer of Building Permits