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Stormwater Committee Regular Meeting Minutes February 18, 2021 Approved on 3/18/21

Board Members Present: Gary Weiner, Chair; Mark Langone, John Plaster, Karl Sternberg, John Matthew, Andrew Netherwood, Dena Grochmal.
Guest: Craig Rivest

The meeting was called to order at 6:06pm. There are no minutes to approve at this time.

Gary has forwarded the Year 4 scope of services for Tighe and Bond to the BOS for approval. Depending on the approval of next year's budget, the committee can then approve the scope of services for Tighe and Bond. This led to the committee's discussion about the stormwater budget for FY22. The proposed amounts are less than last year due to the reduction of services from Tighe and Bond. In general, the other numbers are relatively the same as the previous year. Gary asked if anyone had anything additional to add or discuss.

Gary informed the committee that he had spoken to Emily about the bylaw and she had made the necessary changes to the Exemptions section of the bylaw, specifically section 3.2. She also changed the language about requesting a peer review. The committee discussed if they would need a public hearing to approve changes made to the bylaw, and if there was enough time to post notice about the hearing. The bylaw would become a warrant article. The committee talked about the wording about which departments have the authority to collect funds related to stormwater. This was mentioned because Planning, Conservation and Building may all be involved in a stormwater project. It was suggested to add each departments name to the bylaw to ensure they have authority to use the money collected as they see fit. Gary also noted that section 6 of the bylaw has been removed. The recommended changes discussed will be made to that one section and the stormwater bylaw will be finalized. Karl made a motion to approve the changes to the bylaw. John P. 2nd, all in favor 7-0. The committee can now start the process of scheduling a public hearing, preferably before the Advisory meeting. This will allow time for changes to be made if necessary before becoming a warrant article. Gary will talk to Pam about getting a public hearing date.

Craig Rivest was at the meeting to discuss assisting the committee with creating a video for the town as part of the Stormwater educational outreach piece. They discussed the logistics of the video including what stormwater topics would be discussed, the video shouldn't exceed 6 minutes, and the importance of the stormwater regulations set forth by federal law. Ideally the video should be ready by Town Meeting on May 10th.

John M. spoke to Eva about the bylaw and since it is a general bylaw, it might not need to have a hearing, but rather only presented to Advisory. The bylaw would still need to be given to Pam soon.

There was further discussion of the budget and the designated amount for education. Gary asked if everyone approved the budget as is, everyone was in favor.

A question was asked about street sweeping and what data Tighe and Bond used to determine whether or not Hampden would be exempt from a second yearly street sweeping. Mark said that the report he needs to submit asks for the miles or cubic yards swept. He reports the miles. In the spring, all streets in town are swept but in the fall, it is only the streets in the permitted area. Mark will collect data over the next year in cubic yards swept.

The next meeting will be March 18th at 5pm.

Gary made a motion to adjourn at 7:03pm, Andrew 2nd. All in favor 7-0.