

APPROVED 10/15/2024

STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024
RESOURCE ROOM

Attendance: Chair Les Stevens, vice chair Margaret Bacon, Dan Heney, Carol Gogolinski, Mike Zwicker, Colin Haire, Adam Furno, Matt Benoit

Matt Benoit called the meeting to order at 5 pm.

Mr. Benoit read the charge of the Committee:

This committee has been formed as a subcommittee of the Select board and therefore must comply with the open meetings act and be comprised of Douglas residents. Staff will provide support most likely in a much more focused and proactive manner than typical for the towns various boards, the staff is charged with providing the committee with an overview of aquifer protection, zoning and wetlands protection measures already in place in order to provide context for the proposed bylaw. MS4 compliance requires that a bylaw be in place, the committee is not an opportunity to attack the fundamental regulatory requirements of the federal law or regulations. If the committee wishes to make policy recommendations to the Select board on such matters they may choose to do so, but the advisory purpose of this committee is primarily to arrive at a piece of legislation that meets federal requirements under the permit but also that the town feels is reasonable and balanced. The task of the committee is to review the stormwater management bylaw draft proposed by our MS4 consultant in detail, those items raising concerns as well as any issues committee members feel could be improved or which need to be added should be listed. Staff will support the committee by researching and addressing each item in turn and any follow up questions the committee may have. Required edits will be submitted to the committee for review before vetting with Town Counsel, and the objective is to have a revised bylaw draft in place for Annual Town Meeting in May 2025. The committee will have to finish its work by January 2025.

1. (1:50 TS) Organization

Carol Gogolinski nominated Les Stevens; Colin Haire also nominated Les Stevens, Margaret Bacon 2nd the nomination. The vote passed unanimously. Les Stevens nominated Margaret Bacon for vice chair, 2nd by Colin Haire. The vote passed unanimously. There was no one interested in being the secretary and doing the minutes so they asked Mr. Benoit to ask the Planning Board minute taker if she would do the minutes.

2. Business:

a. (5:00 TS) Review draft meeting schedule – The Committee agreed on 5 pm meeting time.

(5:50 TS) Motion to accept the meeting schedule as printed, made by Colin Haire, 2nd by Adam Furno. The vote passed unanimously.

b. (6:20 TS) Review draft stormwater bylaw – The Committee reviewed and discussed the draft stormwater bylaw that has been vetted through Town Counsel and the town's stormwater consultant and went through changes that have been made and Mr. Benoit showed the MS-4 map. The Committee discussed concerns over the map and what it covers and if it can be disputed and updated. The Committee made their edits and suggestions to the draft document. Carol Gogolinski suggested getting some surrounding town's stormwater bylaw to review. The Commission discussed the importance of having a notification to enter someone's property and fines and penalties language that can protect residents. The Committee would like to see a sample application. Matt Benoit went through all the

requests from the Committee and will do the edits discussed tonight and get the requested information for the Committee.

Upcoming Meetings: September 30, 2024

(1:51:25 TS) Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm, made by Mike Zwicker, 2nd by Dan Heney. The vote passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephenie Gosselin