

**COHASSET STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
1 APRIL 2010**

Present: Noel Collins, Ross Rosano, Jim Fitzgerald

Absent/Excused: None

Invited Guests: Mark Bartlett (Norfolk- RAM) 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM

John McAllister (Norfolk-RAM) 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting convened on 1 April 2010 at 6:00 PM in the Basement Meeting Room of Cohasset Town Hall.

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES

The Committee reviewed the 2 March 2010 meeting minutes.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved the Committee accepted the 2 March 2010 meeting minutes with one addition related to no issues identified between Building Inspector and Stormwater Agent working relationship.

3. NORFOLK-RAM PRESENTATION

The Committee met with Mark Bartlett and John McAllister (Norfolk-RAM) from 6:00 PM to 7:10 PM. The Committee had invited them to discuss their impressions/ observations of the first year implementation of the Stormwater Bylaw. Items discussed included, but were not limited to:

- a presentation summarizing Cohasset stormwater activities/issues,
- 21 stormwater permits had been reviewed/approved to date,
- costs for review/approval of these applications,
- a total of 40 rain gardens have been installed, 40 units by the Water Department, 10 units by Conservation Commission,
- need for ongoing maintenance of rain garden units, and
- need to “clean up” language in bylaw/regulations associated with administrative approval for activities greater than 500 sf.

No issues were identified with the Building Inspector and Stormwater Agent working relationship.

Committee thanked Mark Bartlett and John McAllister for their time, insight and on-going support.

4. WELZ CORRESPONDANCE

The Committee reviewed and discussed a letter submitted to the Committee related to runoff onto their property associated with recent construction on an abutting property. Noel Collins had met with the Welz’s and provided contacts with other Town Boards which could also assist with runoff issues.

Jim Fitzgerald will create a file for Committee correspondence.

Committee will consider this information during annual flood survey.

5. TREAT'S POND DISCUSSION

Committee had a detailed discussion of Treat's Pond and the upcoming (15 April) need to respond to the Army Corp of Engineers' letter.

Noel Collins had met with Ralph Dormitzer on Monday, 29 March and walked the area.

Ross Rosano disclosed he had a business relationship with a homeowner in the area.

After discussion, the following motion was made, seconded and approved to table discussion of the Army Corp of Engineers' letter and related items until after the Committee has performed the annual survey of flood prone areas.

Noel Collins to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen informing them the Committee intends to consider Treat's Pond following completion of the annual survey of flood prone areas.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Committee discussed proposed future meetings with other interested parties/stakeholders.

The upcoming meeting schedule was reviewed and modified as follows:

- previously proposed 15 and 22 April meetings were cancelled,
- scheduled 27 April meeting at 7:00 PM to prepare for annual survey meeting, and
- scheduled 6 May meeting for public to provide new/updated information on flood prone areas.

Jim Fitzgerald will draft 6 May meeting notification for review by Committee.

Noel Collins will forward revised 6 May meeting notification to Board of Selectmen for their input. Once agreed to, information will be posted and provided to Cohasset Mariner for publishing.

7. ACTION ITEMS

Action items are discussed in the meeting minutes above.

8. NEXT MEETING

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved the next meeting of the Stormwater Advisory Committee was scheduled for 7:00 PM on 27 April 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved the Committee accepted the above meeting minutes during the 27 April 2010 Committee meeting.

Attested

James D. Fitzgerald
Secretary