



TOWN OF GROTON
Earth Removal-Stormwater Advisory Committee
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Michael Bouchard, Town Clerk
Town Hall
173 Main Street
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Re: **Public Hearing Notice**
Proposed Storm Water Enterprise Fund

Dear Mr. Bouchard:

The Earth Removal Stormwater Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:30 PM** in the Town Hall to consider the following Article to be considered at the 2020 Spring Town Meeting:

ARTICLE X - ADOPT MGL CH.44, SECT. 53 F ½: STORM WATER ENTERPRISE FUND: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53F ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, which would authorize establishment of an Enterprise Fund for the Groton Stormwater Utility, and further, effective in Fiscal Year 2021, beginning on July 1, 2020, by amending General Bylaw Chapter 154 – Illicit Discharges to Municipal Separate Storm Drain System as follows:

Add to 154-2 Definitions.:

STORMWATER UTILITY – A special assessment set up to generate funding specifically for stormwater management. Property owners shall pay a stormwater fee and the revenue generated directly supports operation, maintenance, and upgrade or expansion of existing storm drain systems; development of drainage studies, plans, flood control measures, and water-quality programs; administrative costs; and construction of capital improvement projects, and purchase of all equipment necessary for the installation, operation and maintenance of the system.

Add to 154-5: Responsibility for administration.:

STORMWATER UTILITY: The Select Board, or its designee may, upon Town Meeting approval, adopt a Stormwater Utility pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 83 Section 16 and Chapter 40 Section 1A. The Department of Public Works, or its designee, shall administer, implement and enforce this Utility. Failure by the Select Board to promulgate such a Stormwater Utility through this Bylaw or a legal declaration of its invalidity by a court shall not act to suspend or invalidate the effect of this Bylaw.

Or take any Action relative thereto.

Copies of the proposed revisions to the regulations are on file in the Town Clerk's office in the Town Hall. The Town of Groton does not discriminate on the basis of disability. Further, a signed translation of this public hearing will be provided for the hearing impaired upon request by contacting ADA Coordinator Michelle Collette at (978) 448-1105 at least one week prior to the hearing.

**Earth Removal
Stormwater Advisory Committee**

Edward Perkins, Chairman

cc: Select Board, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Building Commissioner, Conservation Commission, DPW Director, Electric Light Department, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Tax Collector, Zoning Board of Appeals, and *The Groton Herald* (January 24 and 31, 2020)