

**EARTH REMOVAL STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020, 7:00 PM
MINUTES**

Chairman Perkins called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall

Members present: Edward Perkins, George Barringer, Tom Delaney, Bob Hanninen, and Eileen McHugh

MS4 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ENTERPRISE FUND

The Committee met with engineer Robert Rafferty of Environmental Partners to continue discussions of possible implementation of a Stormwater Management Enterprise Fund. Mr. Rafferty provided a draft warrant article to amend Chapter 154 Illicit Discharge and a proposed fee structure for the Committee's consideration.

The public hearing will be held on February 4, 2020 with a continuation on February 18, 2020. The warrant article must be submitted to the Town Manager by Friday, February 21, 2020. The Committee will meet with the Select Board on Monday, February 3, 2020, for a brief explanation of the proposal.

The Committee discussed whether or not to exempt undeveloped parcels with no impervious surface. Stormwater Inspector Michelle Collette said undeveloped parcels are not contributing to stormwater runoff and they are providing absorption and treatment if the land is in its natural state, i.e. fields, meadows, forest land.

Member McHugh said many people have parcels that include wetlands and others, like Shaw's, have engineered stormwater management systems. She asked why undeveloped should be parcels exempt.

Groton Herald reporter, Connie Sartini, asked if new employees would be required to implement the program. Member Delaney said, "no."

The Committee decided to recommend that the program be based on a fee per parcel unless the parcel is undeveloped and has no impervious surface for consideration at the public hearing.

The motion was made by Hanninen, seconded by McHugh, to advertise the public hearing for the article as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Earth Removal Stormwater Inspector