

STORMWATER TASK FORCE (SWTF)
MINUTES
November 17, 2016

The Stormwater Task Force (SWTF) met in the Ritter Building, first floor conference room, as scheduled, with Matt Allison, Sarah Cammer, Phyllis Luck, and Jack Rabbitt present. Also in attendance was Lunenburg Land Use Director, Adam Burney. The meeting opened at 6:34 pm.

Minutes of the October 27 meeting were accepted.

There was a discussion of the upcoming meeting with Design Consultants Inc. (DCI) on December 8. It was determined that the discussion of the scope of work should include the following for consideration:

- Setting up of automated daily monitoring at all outfalls into some/all of Lunenburg's lakes.
- Records of fluctuations can be compared to events to identify high loading causes as well as where and perhaps why.
- Identification of homes within the lake watersheds (immediate) which haven't sold since the inception of Title 5. Confirm with Board of Health status of the sewage treatment at these homes, if possible.
- Creation of a detailed list of what needs to get monitored and when.
- Determination of internal reporting requirements: what, exactly, needs to be documented, when should it be documented, who will document, and where will this information be stored.
- Creation of a long term data storage plan.

There was a discussion of the Lunenburg Debt Exclusion Pavement Management Program with \$500,000 set aside for stormwater management. There have been several issues reported with stormwater runoff, which were discovered after paving was completed in the first area paved under this Debt Exclusion. The SWTF hopes to identify the roads which will be paved in Spring 2017 and determine what stormwater runoff and drainage improvements merit undertaking prior to commencement of paving, and use the funds set aside for this purpose to get these improvements accomplished.

Adam Burney and Phyllis Luck reported on the Stormwater Finance Forum, held at UNH, Durham, November 15 and 16. Both felt it was worthwhile. Several themes emerged:

- To tackle the issues of dealing with stormwater runoff: do what you can, where you can, how you can. The "best" solution is one that is achievable, cost effective, maintainable, and as close to the source as possible.
- Build consensus among your constituents. Begin the conversation now; include all stakeholders; be open to all possible solutions; education is key.

Phyllis Luck attended the Central Mass Regional Stormwater Coalition (CMRSWC) steering committee meeting of 11/1/16, and learned the coalition has 2 Enviroscape teaching tool kits that are available to members. This could be used in schools as a visual educational tool. Task force members decided to target the January 12 meeting for a discussion on our education outreach. Phyllis will speak with the CMRSWC to obtain an Enviroscape for that meeting.

It was noted that Phyllis Luck will attend the workshop to be held at Mt. Wachusett Community College on November 18. She'll report on this at a subsequent meeting.

The SWTF delayed discussion of Technical Staff Designee for the CMRSWC; Jack Rodriquenz is currently penciled in for that role.

There was a discussion of the meeting schedule for the first quarter of 2017. Meetings are tentatively set for January 12 and 26, February 9 and 23, and March 9 and 30. Members were asked to check their calendars for availability.

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m., by Matt Allison, seconded by Sarah Cammer, all voted in favor.

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m., Ritter Building, upper conference room.