

IPSWICH STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Summary: July 13, 2009

The Stormwater Advisory Committee met in the Town Manager's conference room at 5 PM on Monday, July 13, 2009 with the following appointed members in attendance: Bob Markel (Town Manager), Glenn Gibbs (Planning), Larry Graham, Bob Gravino (DPW), Wayne Castonguay, Jim Sperber (Code Enforcement) and David Standley (Conservation Commission). Ellie Baker of Horsley Witten Group, Consultants to DPW for storm water management, and Rick Clarke (DPW) were also present.

The first order of business was a discussion of the public information program components of the effort to adopt implementing regulations to the Stormwater Bylaw. It was decided to develop a half-hour presentation to be narrated and taped for insertion into the local access channel program rotation. The intent was to accomplish this during the week of July 20.

The conceptual webpage as developed by Baker was approved, with a recommendation to continue and refine the development. There was discussion of the short-term problem of posting this material on the Town webpage. The alternative of temporarily posting it on the Horsley Witten webpage to be accessed from a link on the town webpage was accepted. Baker will prepare and distribute for further comment the entirety of the material to be included on the Ipswich Stormwater Management webpage.

The next item of business had not been anticipated. Jim Sperber questioned and protested the delegation by the Board of Selectmen to his department of responsibility for the storm water management permit program. Although his challenge generated considerable discussion, on the merits of the delegation as currently planned and on alternatives, the committee did not reconsider its previous recommendation to the Board that responsibility for the Connection and Discharge Permit program be delegated to Public Works and Responsibility for the Stormwater Management Permit program be delegated to Code Enforcement.

The last item of business was a detailed review of the current draft Stormwater Management Permit program regulations as most recently edited by Baker. After discussion, the committee decided to retain as regulations the full scope and content of the draft, rather than dividing it into a shorter regulation and a set of program policy, guidance and procedure administrative documents.

There were no objections to the changes recommended by Baker in Sections 1 through 5 of the draft regulations. In Section 6 the amount to be charged for Application Fees (Subsection 6 E) 2)) generated discussion, with the committee concluding that the proposed fees should be \$150 for minor projects and \$300 for major projects. Concern was expressed with regard to the provision for consultant service fees for major projects (Subsection 6 E) 3)). It was agreed that Rita Negri would be consulted as to the appropriateness of the proposed provision.

At this point in the discussion it was decided to adjourn the meeting to Monday, July 20 at 5 PM.

David Standley, Chair