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MINUTES
LOCAL STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE

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January 26, 2018

Present: Beth Peyser Chairman
Richard Baldelli
Joe Fossi
Alan Pilch
Charlie Fisher
Steven Sullivan

Absent: John Katz

Also Present: Jim Coyle, Conservation Chair.
Aarti Paranjape, Office Administrator.

At 2:05 PM, Ms Peyser, Chairman called the meeting to order.
No motions posed.

Items:

1. (Continued) Discussion on setting parameters for Zoning regulation.

Ms. Peyser briefed the meeting members about the agenda continued from the December Local Storm water Sub-committee. Ms. Peyser displayed the maps showing the marked areas of potentially high concern and the map created by the engineering department outlining wetlands, watersheds, and water courses.

Mr. Coyle, member of the Public and Chair of the Conservation Commission, questioned the Chair, Ms. Peyser regarding public input in the meetings. Mr. Baldelli commented that public can listen, Mr. Fisher supported that one can listen but cannot participate.

Ms. Peyser, answered Mr. Coyle's comments, that Mr. Coyle can attend the meeting as a member of public and Chair of Conservation, however she clarified that the Conservation Commission has designated Mr. Pilch to represent the Conservation Commission as a member in the Local Stormwater Sub-committee meetings.

Mr. Coyle confirmed that in a public meeting such as the Subcommittee meeting, a member of the public is not allowed to comment, including the chair of the Conservation Commission.

Discussion was focused on the areas of special concern for stormwater. Mr. Baldelli updated the members (not present at the December meeting) discussing the areas of concern. The map provided by engineering department showed the boundaries of watersheds, waterbodies, swamps, streams and regional drainage basins.

Mr. Fisher commented that with the new MS4 permits, the areas of impaired water have been defined and would be beneficial to superimpose while mapping the areas of high concern. Mr. Fisher, confirmed Mr. Baldelli's comment that the impaired water areas should also be areas of special concern.

Mr. Pilch suggested that these impaired water areas should be addressed as well. Mr. Fisher suggested going on the website (e.g. westcog.org) to get the information on the impaired water for the towns of CT.

Mr. Sullivan stated the soil types of Ridgefield which is predominantly type C (of the four A, B, C & D types) should also be taken into consideration. Mr. Sullivan added that the percentage of the area of impervious surface is one of the factors for the continued discussion. Mr. Fossi stated that the State of Connecticut, considers (11) eleven percent total impervious surface as a trigger point to incorporate storm water quality.

Mr. Fisher commented that the state is concerned about DCIA(directly connected impervious area) impact, for the contiguous area total of (11) eleven percent.

Mr. Sullivan stated that some properties may have to implement LID(low impact development) in order to address those areas of high concerns that have higher percentage of impervious surface.

Ms. Peyser stated that it will be helpful if the engineering department would be able to provide a map showing impaired water areas for the next meeting.

It was agreed that in order to trigger a storm water study, a threshold has to be determined. The property hitting that threshold, for addition of a new impervious surface, may have to provide storm water management.

The members all decided to brainstorm to calculate the percentage of the area of impervious surface keeping in mind the lot size, areas of concerns near watersheds, impaired water areas, soil types. It was agreed that the threshold number will be triggered by any addition that exceeds the threshold when new development is constructed.

Ms. Peyser concluded the agenda will continue to the next month's meeting.

Meeting minutes for November 17 meeting were approved with Mr. Baldelli motioned, Mr. Sullivan seconded it. Mr. Fossi abstained.

Meeting minutes for December 15, meeting were approved with Mr. Fossi motioned and Mr. Baldelli seconded it. Mr. Sullivan abstained.

Hearing no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aarti Paranjape
Office Administrator