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MINUTES
LOCAL STORMWATER SUBCOMMITTEE

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not verbatim transcription.

July 24, 2018

Present: Beth Peyser Chairman
 John Katz
 Joe Fossi
 Charlie Fisher

Absent: Richard Baldelli
 Steve Sullivan
 Alan Pilch

Also Present: Jake Muller, Engineer/Mapping
 Aarti Paranjape, Office Administrator

At 10:02AM, Ms. Peyser, Chairman called the meeting to order.
No motions posed.

Items:

1. Ms. Peyser discussed the document emailed by Mr. Muller stating that the percentages shown are of the entirety of the whole town of Ridgefield and did not just focus on the residential lots.

Mr. Fossi distributed a document of rough calculations of the impervious surfaces taken from random sample town properties. Mr. Fossi stated that based on the number of impervious coverage he said that roughly ± 11.25 percent of the town is impervious, which is close to the State calculated numbers for the impervious surface. He added one third (1/3) of the town has smaller lots, which are also areas of concern.

Mr. Fisher commented that the concerns are with the larger construction. He said the regulations should not penalize the smaller lot owners for the additions to their properties. He said that the commercial and the new residential subdivisions will have to follow the MS4 guidelines for the storm water management. Any commercial projects should show zero percent runoff. He added that the regulations should be fairly simple for an average home owner to understand.

Mr. Fossi said the table should show the number where, if the addition or new construction reaches the threshold of impervious surface, the storm water management study requirement

would be initiated.

Mr. Katz said, that a commercial projects typically is a special permit or revision to the special permit where the Commission reviews the application for the stormwater management. He commented that the regulations should address the negative impacts if any on the properties, when construction is done on the site.

Ms. Peyser asked Mr. Fossi, if he could create a chart for the residential properties, showing the numbers which will trigger the stormwater study. Mr. Fossi said he can come up with draft calculations.

Mr. Muller said that grouping the lot sizes (from the table he provided) will help calculate the minimum square feet to trigger the stormwater study. He said he will distribute a chart showing the percentage of lots by acreage in the town.

The members would continue the discussion on the calculations for the threshold numbers, a sliding scale will help a property owner to show if a stormwater management system is required, if the addition of the impervious surface reaches the threshold number.

Mr. Fisher distributed a part of the MS4 regulations where he highlighted the points which can be incorporated in the future stormwater regulations.

Due to lack of quorum, the minutes for June 29, 2018 were not approved.

Hearing no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53AM. Mr. Fossi motioned and Mr. Muller seconded it.

Respectfully submitted,

Aarti Paranjape
Office Administrator