Storm Water and Drainage Management Committee

Minutes 2/10/23

Attended by: David Mansfield, Ernie Amado, Donald Howard, Edwin Heal

12:00 meeting called to order by Chair, David Mansfield.

Don Howard and David Mansfield met with Town Administrator, Lisa Green and Highway Surveyor, Jamison Shave to discuss the charge of the Storm Water and Drainage Management Committee. In the past the committee was chaired by the Highway Surveyor and was consulted as needed. Jamison stated that he had been handling the day to day storm water and drainage management issues. Neither Lisa Green nor Jamison Shave had any direction for the committee. The Select Board did not have any direction for the committee.

Ed Heal asked where to refer residents with drainage issues. After discussion, he was recommended to steer them to the Highway Surveyor.

The current Storm Water and Drainage Management Committee discussed proposals for articles to be presented to the May town meeting.

Don Howard proposed three articles for consideration.

Article 1: Require underground detention and retention areas to be included in new construction.

Article 2: Limit perc tests to be taken from Jan 1 to May 31 only.

Article 3: Install inspection access point for maintenance of underground detention and retention areas.

Each proposed article was discussed and voted on by those present.

Article 1 was discussed and supported by all members.

Members agreed with the spirit of Article 2, but the committee agreed that it was a Board of Health issue and not within the parameters of the Storm Water and Drainage Management Committee. The vote was Don (yes), Ernie (yes), Dave (no) and Ed (no).

After much discussion, the committee agreed to include article 3 within article 1.

The article the Storm Water and Drainage Management Committee agreed to put forward for consideration at the May Town Meeting is for the town to require underground retention and detention areas with an inspection access port for maintenance.

The committee is planning to educate the public about the proposed article by:

* Presenting a power point at the February 21 Select Board meeting
* Contact Lisa Green to upload the power point to the Town of Hanson website
* Use Facebook to direct citizens to the power point on the Town of Hanson website
* Post the benefits of underground retention and detention areas on Facebook (for example)
  + Mosquito control
  + The underground design provides more usable square footage. The land on top of the underground detention or retention area may be used for parking or recreation.

Next meeting has been scheduled for Friday, February 17, 2023 at 12:00 in the Select Board Meeting Room.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20