Advisory Board Minutes 3/9/2020

				Absent with notice
Name	Office	Present	Absent	
David Clinton	Chair	х		
	Vice			
Jay Polito	Chair	х		
Jason Frady	Clerk	х		
Bob Carney				X
Dan Sullivan		х		
Pat Cormier		х		
Peter Larsen		Х		
Robyn Healey		Χ		
Steve Kiley		Χ		
Chad Wolfe		Χ		
Matt Mitchell		Χ		

Dave Clinton called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

In attendance are Town Manager Phil Lemnios, Town Counsel Jim Lampke, Conservation Agent Christian Krahforst.

Legal Department Discussion and Budget:

Attorney Lampke acts as Hull's General Counsel. He works with the insurance companies and any attorneys they assign to our cases providing oversight and support. He works with specialized counsel for specific issues such as tax title and land issues. Jim works on case prep for employee issues.

The Town is developing a contingency plan for "Coronavirus" preparation and response. The federal government is passing down info from FEMA to MEMA, to MASS DPH. DPH is passing info down to town Boards of Health. The task force has begun forming questions and doing research. Jim is in contact with other municipal attorneys to learn what other towns are doing.

Town Counsel doesn't see any issues coming up that will require large expenditures for specialized counsel, although you can't always predict what may come up during the year.

Article 26 "Hingham Water Lien"

In regards to the sewer department, if someone doesn't pay their sewer bill, it will result in a lien being placed on the property that must be satisfied for refinancing or transfer of ownership. Unpaid liens can also be attached to property taxes.

With the water company, when one town provides services to residents of another town, there needs to be an enforcement method of collections. This can either be through a lien process or private bill collectors. That's why Hingham has asked Hull to put an article on this year's warrant to give Hingham, or the Weir River Water Co. Lien authority for residents of Hull. There is some question or doubt as to

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February 13, 2020

Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Town hall 253 Atlantic Avenue Hull, MA 02045

RE: Opinion Regarding Town Charter and Hull Council on Aging

Dear Board Members and Town Manager

I am writing to address various issues and questions that have arisen regarding the Town of Hull Charter (Charter) and the Hull Council on Aging (Council). Basically, this matter relates to whether the Council is subject to the Charter, in that certain authority it might have arguably had previously is now under the Charter vested elsewhere in our government.

<u>Summary of Opinion:</u> Based on legal research and analysis, for the reasons described more fully below, it is my opinion that the Council, like all Town departments, boards, committees, councils, commissions and the like, is subject to the Charter.

Following extensive study and review as to ways to improve the operation of the Town through centralized management, the Town voted at Town Meeting in 1988 to petition the Legislature to enact a special law creating a Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and Open Town Meeting form of government in Hull. The Legislature enacted such a special law, c. 8 of the Acts of 1989, which became the Town Charter.

The Charter was subsequently smended in 1993 to specifically make clear that the Light Department was under the supervision and authority of the Town Manager. Although it was my opinion in 1989 that the Light Department was under the jurisdiction of the Town Manager, certain events not relevant now promoted the Town to petition the Legislature to amend the Charter to make this even clearer. This underscores the concept that the Town operates under a centralized administration of the Town with the Board of Selectmen as the chief policy board a centralized administration of the Town with the Board of Selectmen as the chief policy board and the Town Manager as the Chief Administrative Officer.

Prior to the enactment of the Charter, Hull, like many communities in the state, operated on a somewhat un-centralized and fragmented structure. Numerous local boards, officials and

employees operated in an individual fashion with actual or at least perceived authority, subject generally to the general laws and local by-laws.

Recognizing that such a fragmented operation of government was not conducive in modern times for a well-run government, the Town transitioned to a charter form of government. An essential feature of this form of government was the centralized administration of the Town under a strong Town Manager. I say "strong" Town Manager in the sense that the Town Manager was vested under the Charter with broad authority and responsibility to ensure the effective and orderly administration of the Town.

A central component of that move towards centralized administration of the Town was the placing of broad policy formulation authority in the elected Board of Selectmen and broad administrative authority and responsibility in the Town Manager.

Consistent with that theory of government, the concept was that all Town departments, boards, committees, commissions, councils, officials, officers and employees would be under the Charter.

This meant that those components of the Town would not have in many instances the authority that they may have had before, with the result that they had to operate within the Town government framework of centralized administrative authority vested in the Town Manager.

That the Town is to operate under the Charter with the central administrative authority for the Town vested in the Town Manager is made clear by various provisions of the Charter. For example, Section 1 of the Charter provides that: "The Town of Hull shall be governed by the provisions of this Act modify or repeal the provisions of this Act modify or repeal existing General Laws and special acts or the by-laws of the Town of Hull, this Act shall existing General Laws and special acts or the by-laws of the Town of Hull, this Act shall

QOVern." (emphasis added)

A Council on Aging exists in a community where the community accepts G.L. c. 40, section 8B Hull did so accept this law (also adopting a local bylaw, Chapter 12 of the Town of Hull Code/Bylaws) and thus the Council was established. The functions and duties of the Council were set forth in those laws, subject to the general rule that the Council, like all other similarly constituted boards, was subject to other laws then existing and to be enacted.

The Charter was such a law enacted by the Legislature.

To the extent that the Council may have had certain broad powers under G.L. c. 40, section 8B or the bylaw, those powers were tempered and modified by the governmental structure of the Town, namely the Charter.

The state law s silent as to who is the appointing authority of the Council. However, the bylaw specifically provides that it is the Board of Selectmen. This is consistent with section 3.D of the Charter it is clearly stated that the Board of Selectmen "shall appoint ... all members of Committees, boards and commissions" subject to certain exceptions not pertinent. (emphasis added)

Also undersection 3.E of the Charter, as relates to activities of the Town, the "Board of Selectmen shall have general administrative oversight of such boards, committees, positions, or commissions appointed by the Board of Selectmen." As the Council is appointed by the Board

¹ For convenience, in this opinion letter "Boards" is used to mean all local boards, committees, councils, commissions and the like.

of Selectmen, the Board of Selectmen would have "general administrative oversight" of the Council.

As noted above, the administration of the Town is vested in the Town Manager. This is made clear in Section 4.A of the Charter by specifically providing that the Town Manager is "the chief administrative officer of the Town" and is responsible "for the effective management of all Town affairs placed in the manager's charge by [the Charter], the Board of Selectmen, by by-law or vote of Town Meeting, and for the implementation of Town policies placed in the Manager's charge by the Board of Selectmen."

Further highlighting the Town Manager's authority and responsibility is the fact that in Section 4.B the Charter provides the Town Manager "shall be the chief financial officer of the Town and shall be responsible for the design and preparation of the annual budget, filling grant applications, and controlling budget expenditures." (emphasis added) Since any expenditures of a Board would be of Town funds and the control of those funds involves the Town Manager per the Charter.

As noted in Section 4.B quoted above, the Town Manager is responsible for the filling of grant applications. In order to ensure an organized effort by the Town in grant matters as well as to ensure that grants being applied for are within the policies and direction of the Town, all such grant applications are to go through the Town Manager. The Town Manager may delegate the preparation and filing of grant applications to others, but grant applications must go through the Town Manager.

The Charter further emphasizes the central role of the Town Manager in the operation of the Town by specifically providing that the "Town Manager shall supervise all Town departments under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen and direct the operation of the Town." Section 4.C.1. Also see Section 4.C.2, which provides that the "Town manager shall be responsible for coordination of operational and strategic planning of the Town." It would be inconsistent with the concept of "coordination of operational and strategic planning of the Town" not to have it coordinated by the Town Manager as opposed to each Board.

In terms of employment of persons by the Town, the Charter also places the authority for this in the Town Manager. Section 4.C.3 of the Charter specifies that the Town manager "shall appoint ... all department heads, all officers and all subordinates and employees of the Town" subject to certain exceptions not pertinent here. (emphasis added). While the bylaw refers to the Council appointing employees, that was the process before the adoption of the Charter. Upon the adoption of the Charter, all appointments of employees and the like (with certain exceptions not pertinent) are done by the Town Manager.

As relates specifically to contracts to be entered into on behalf of the Town, the Charter provides in Section 4.C.9 that the Town Manager s the "central purchasing agent for all Town departments and activities" except for the School Department. Contracts and purchases would include hiring consultants, contractors and the like. This must be done through the Town Manager. A board does not therefore have independent authority to enter into such contracts.²

In terms of Town property, the authority and responsibility for same is placed in the Town Manager. The Charter provides in Section 4.C.10 that the Town Manager "shall manage and be responsible for all Town buildings, property and facilities" except the schools. (emphasis

Lit begs the issue that for a valid contract there must be available funds. Since Town funds are under the oversight of the Town Manager, this further accentuates the fact that the Town Manager, is responsible for all contracts and purchases. Anyone contracting with a Town Board who does not go through the proper channels, including the approval of the Town Manager, does so at their peril of not being paid, participating in an illegal contract and other risks. I do not comment on the obvious issues of a Board member doing so.

added) Thus, the Council would have no authority to engage in activities pertaining to Town property without, at a minimum the involvement of the Town Manager.

I have highlighted in particular the above provisions because the view may have been expressed by some that the Council, based on the language of G.L. c. 40, section 8B and the bylaw, has authority to become involved in the activities cited above (such as hiring or overseeing employees, entering into contracts, involving itself in Town property, applying for grants, etc.). To the extent that section 8B and the bylaw could be read to authorize the Council to be involved in some degree with those activities, our Charter clearly provides otherwise and places those activities under the Town Manager and/or Board of Selectmen.

The Charter, being a special law enacted by the Legislature, prevails over a general law.

To be certain, local Boards, such as the Council, play an important role in our community and government. Our Town could not function without the hard work and dedication of the many members of local Boards. However, those members must be sure to operate within the framework of the law, including the Town Charter. Doing that ensures the effective and orderly administration of the Town which benefits everyone.

I trust that this opinion satisfactorily addresses the various issues on this matter.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours,

TOWN COUNSEL

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Source: 2019 Street Listing-Town Census

Town of Hull

Stormwater Bylaw

March 2020



Why do we need another bylaw ?

- Over 200 Massachusetts towns discharge stormwater under U.S. EPA's NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems permit (the MS4 Permit).
- NPDES is the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit Is authorize facilities to process, incinerate, landfill, or beneficially use sewage sludge. pollutant into a receiving water under certain conditions. Permits may also typically a license for a facility to discharge a specified amount of a
- The NPDES permit program addresses water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the United States
- Created in 1972 by the CWA, the NPDES permit program is authorized to state governments by EPA to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program.

- Although EPA and MassDEP adopted the MS4 Permit in 2003, some so, implement them additional actions are needed to comply with the MS4 Permit, and if existing ordinances, bylaws and regulations, determine whether post-construction stormwater. All municipalities should examine their towns still have not yet adopted legally enforceable mechanisms to control construction site runoff, prohibit illicit discharges, or control
- The 2016 Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit was signed April 4, 2016 and will become effective July 1, 2018, after a 1 year postponement of the effective date.

Problems with Stormwater Pollution

- companies, industries, and others, use stormwater controls, known as best and coastal waters. To protect these resources, communities, construction Stormwater runoff is generated from rain and snowmelt events that flow over pollution by controlling it at its source management practices (BMPs). These BMPs filter out pollutants and/or prevent trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment that can harm our rivers, streams, lakes, rooftops, and does not soak into the ground. The runoff picks up pollutants like land or impervious surfaces, such as paved streets, parking lots, and building
- The NPDES stormwater program regulates some stormwater discharges from washing harmful pollutants into local surface waters. be required to obtain an NPDES permit before they can discharge stormwater. three potential sources: municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), This permitting mechanism is designed to prevent stormwater runoff from construction activities, and industrial activities. Operators of these sources might

management: Benefits of effective stormwater runoff

- protection of wetlands and aquatic ecosystems,
- ' improved quality of receiving waterbodies,
- conservation of water resources,
- protection of public health, and
- flood control.



control measures MassDEP, requires towns to meet six minimum This 5-year permit, jointly issued by EPA and

1. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

stormwater system effectively. Towns must: and includes what practices towns should undertake to operate the yards, salt storage areas, vehicle maintenance yards, road construction, This measure addresses runoff from municipal operations such as DPW

- Develop an operations and maintenance plan for their stormwater system.
- Train employees on how to incorporate pollution prevention and good housekeeping practices into their activities (e.g., vehicle and building maintenance, salt piles, and catch basin cleaning).

- implement an IDDE program that includes these elements: other pollutants, the MS4 Permit requires towns to develop and drain system. Because illicit discharges typically contain bacteria and Program - Illicit discharges are non-stormwater discharges to the storm 2. Must have an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
- A legally enforceable mechanism prohibiting illicit discharges
- A storm sewer map identifying the location of all storm drain outfalls.
- A plan to detect and eliminate illicit discharges.

- adoption of: wish to adopt stricter local rules. Minimum requirements include 3. Construction Site Runoff Control - The federal Construction General construction activity disturbing more than one acre of land. Towns may Permit already requires owners/operators to file a Notice of Intent for
- Legally enforceable mechanism to control erosion during construction
- Procedures for municipal site plan review of construction projects

- 4. Post Construction Runoff Control This measure requires ongoing stormwater management after construction is completed. Requirements include:
- Adopt a legally enforceable mechanism to control stormwater after construction
- Establish procedures for long-term operation and maintenance of BMPs

audiences within the community as part of a formal public education partnerships to distribute educational materials to diverse local 5. Public Education and Outreach - Towns are encouraged to form

with applicable public notice requirements and determine the program's implementation goals and strategies, developing and implementing the MS4 program. Towns must comply communities give the public the opportunity to play an active role in 6. Public Participation and Involvement - EPA suggests that program.

		Complete Future Year Task
*There are supplemental requirements for receiving waters	s impairments for bacteria in Hull.	Due 6/30/2020
Single Reports	Vilenune 05/9 vd	
Maintenance of Structural BMPs	рәрәәи se	
nspection of Structural BMPs - None on Record	ylisunnA	
Assess Regulations to allow Green Infrastructure	Quarterly	
Street Sweeping (55 miles of road)	Spring	
Catchbasin Cleaning (1,440 CBs)	Iluî %02 n94w	
Catchbasin Cleaning Schedule - updated after two insp.	6/30/5019	
Training for O&M and SWPPP Program Activities	Regularly/As Needed	
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MS4 Infrastructure Program	0707/06/9	
SWPPP - 1 DPW Facility, Landfill?	07.02/08/9	
O&M Program - ? facilities, ? Parks & OS	0202/08/9	
Good Housekeeping	7707 /05 /0	
Locate 5 Properties for Impervious Area Reduction	7707/06/9	
Assess Regulations to allow Green Infrastructure	6/30/2022	
Assess Street Design & Parking Guidelines	7707/08/9	Incorporate into Regs
Update Regulations - Retention/Treatment	6/30/2020	222 Otal stanoanoni
New Development and Redevelopment*		chay any annodiany
Construction Site Waste Control Requirements	6\30\2019	Incorporate into Regs
Requirement for Construction Site Erosion Controls	6/30/2079	Incorporate into Regs
Site Plan Review Procedures	6\30\2019	Incorporate into Regs
Construction Site Inspections & Enforcement Proceedures	6130/3019	Incorporate into Regs
Construction Site Runoff Control		
Training	Alleunne	
Confirmatory Dry Weather Screening	1 yr after removal	
Illicit Discharge Elimination (Locate & Remove)	60 Days from source ID	
Wet Weather Sampling	part of catchment invest.	
Catchment Investigations All Outfalls	8/30/2028	
Catchment Investigations Problem Outfalls - begin Yr 2	6/30/2025	None Land Market State of Stat
Dry Weather Screening & Sampling	By yr 3 & every 5 yrs	
Outfall/Interconnects Catchment Ranking Updates	γlleunnA əfebqU	
Refine Catchment Delineations		
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• CBs & MHs	1,440 cb & 386 MH mapped	
System Mapping - Phase 2 (pipes, MHs, CBs)	8/30/2028	
• Initial Catchment Delineations	anob toM	
• Town owned BMPs	None Recorded	
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System Mapping - Phase 1	0702/08/9	
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Sanitary Sewer Overflows Inventory Update	Allenday	IDDE Ordinance in new bylaw/regulations for Spring 202
Illicit Discharge Detection & Eliministion (IDDE)*	yllsunnA .	
Opportunities for Public Participation	yllsunnA	
Public Review of SWWP & Annual Report	Allenday	
Public Involvement and Participation	Tipde is a time of the	
Industrial Facilities - 2 messages	By yr 5, min. 1 year apart	
Developers - 2 messages	By yr 5, min. 1 year apart	
Businesses & Institutions- 2 messages	By yr 5, min. 1 year apart	
Residents - 2 messess	By yr 5, min. 1 year apart	
Public Education and Outreach Messages*		
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SWMP update	VileunnA	
	Date Required	6 8 L 9 S V E 7 T
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MS4 Permit - Hull, MA Stormwater Bylaw & Regulation Compliance Schedule

MS4 2016 Permit Requirement	Existing Bylaws	New Stormwater Bylaw	Required By Date
Illicit Discharge Authority & Prohibition	Does not exist	Compliant	5/1/2008 - Annual Report requested extention to May 2020 Town Meeting
Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control for land distrubance 1 Ac of greater	Not Compliant*	Compliant	5/1/2008 - Annual Report requested extention to May 2020 Town Meeting
New & Re Development Project Stormwater Runoff Control for land distrubance 1 Ac of greater and discharge into municipal drain system, including required provisions and design standards	Not Compliant*	Compliant with adoption of Proposed Regulations	Compliant with adoption 6/30/2020 - EPA extention froposed Regulations to 6/30/2021 pending

meet all requirements of the permit. Industrial and ANR sites greather than 1 AC, and provide treatment to protect groundwater and surface water from degradation however is does not *Existing Stormwater Bylaw: General Bylaw Chapter 84 - The bylaw requires practices that will control stormwater generated at Commercial,



Stormwater Bylaw Purpose

environment by regulating illicit connections and discharges to the The purpose of this bylaw is to protect natural resources, municipal construction site stormwater runoff and post-construction runoff. facilities and maintain and enhance public health, safety, welfare, and Town of Hull's MS4 system and controlling the adverse effects of

Stormwater Bylaw Objectives

- Protect water resources;
- 2 Comply with state and federal statutes and regulations relating to stormwater discharges including total maximum daily load requirements;
- ယ To prevent pollutants from entering the Town's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and reduce or eliminate pollutants entering the Town's MS4 from existing uses;
- 4 To prohibit illicit connections and unauthorized discharges to the MS4 and require their
- 5 and design criteria for the regulation and control of stormwater runoff quantity and quality; To establish minimum construction and post construction stormwater management standards
- 9 stormwater control facilities and nonstructural stormwater management practices to ensure that they continue to function as designed, are maintained, and pose no threat to public To establish provisions for the long-term responsibility for, and maintenance of, structural
- 7. inspection, monitoring, and enforcement. To ensure the legal authority to ensure compliance with the provisions of this bylaw through

SECTION 3. Authority

and regulations of the Federal Clean Water Act found at 40 CFR 122.34. statutes, Massachusetts laws, rules and regulations and the laws, rules Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, the home rule This bylaw is adopted under authority granted by the Home Rule



administration SECTION 4. Creation of Stormwater Authority and Responsibility for

- shall consist of three members. The Stormwater Authority shall organize by electing a Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk. The Stormwater Authority may delegate and authorize any member to act as its agent, subject to the approval of the Town as designated by the Town Manager, from the Conservation Department, Community Development & Planning Department, Building Department, Public Works and Sewer Departments, which shall administer this bylaw and any There is hereby created a Stormwater Authority comprised of one staff member, Manager. regulations promulgated, as well as perform such other duties assigned to it by law, the Board of Selectmen or the Town Manager. A quorum of the Authority
- Authority to promulgate such rules and regulations shall not have the effect of suspending or invalidating this chapter. The Stormwater Authority may from and adopt regulations and amend same, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Any powers granted to or duties imposed upon the Stormwater time to time appoint agents to act on its behalf, subject to the approval of the The Stormwater Authority shall administer, implement and enforce this bylaw Town manager.

SECTION 6. Compliance with EPAs General Permit for MS4s in **Massachusetts**

discharges in the Town of Hull, including but not limited to the with any applicable federal, state or local laws concerning storm water officer of the Town to act in accordance with any tederal, state and more stringent requirements will control. requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's local laws within their jurisdiction, and in the event of a conflict, the intended to limit or restrict the authority of any board, commission or most recent General Permit for MS4s, and nothing in this bylaw is This bylaw is intended to further the objectives of and to act in concert

ARTICLE III – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT AND LAND DISTURBANCE

SECTION 1. Applicability

otherwise provided in this Bylaw, no person shall perform any activity MS4 System. Except as authorized by the Stormwater Authority or as 12,500 square feet or more of land or more that drains to the Town's This Bylaw shall apply to all activities that result in disturbance of that results in disturbance of 12,500 square feet of land or more.



Barbara DiVito

11 Halvorsen Ave Hull, MA 02045 781-925-1712 Artizle 24

January 24, 2020

Town of Hull
Town Manager
253 Atlantic Ave.
Hull, MA 02045

Attention: Phil Lemnios

Dear Mr. Lemnios,

The DiVito family would like to donate a piece of land consisting of 5728 square feet at 29 Barnstable St. to the town for conservation purposes. (Assessor's parcel ID 45-129We offer it at no cost to the town. We only ask that they take care of any legal and closing costs and that the transaction be finalized prior to December 31, 2020. We would also like a small sign or plaque to be placed on the property as a remembrance of Nazzareno DiVito Jr. Please advise us if the town would like this property and can meet these terms.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara A. DiVito

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the law that Hingham has proposed we adopt. The Muni Moderization Act doesn't address water companies, but it does address sewer. Aquarion does not have lien authority. This is a result of the system changing hands. It is more equitable for the water system to be able to use the lien process since private bill collectors are seen as having a poor reputation. We should all remember that when someone doesn't pay their water bill, it will affect the rest of the rate payers who have to make up the difference via rate increases.

Article 17 was listed as a Town Counsel article, but it is actually a Planning Board article. We will discuss it when the Planning Board appears before the Advisory Board.

Article 24 is an article to acquire land by gift. The family of Mr. DiVito wishes to donate the land on Barnstable St to the town for open space. The property would be difficult to develop. The family wishes to make the transfer prior to December 31. The only costs to transfer the land would be legal and closing costs. Town Counsel and the Conservation Agent will review the parcel before Town Meeting to ensure there are no environmental concerns with the property. This action would not accept the land directly but would grant the authority to accept the land to the Board of Selectmen. Please see attachement

Article 25 seeks to take an easement at 105 Edgewater Road. There is a drainage pipe that needs to be extended with a headworks added. The pipe has been there for some time without an easement. The property owners asked the town to repair the pipe and are supportive of the easement. Advisory Board Chair Clinton requested that the property owners come before the board or possibly provide a letter to the board confirming their non-opposition to the easement.

Article 22 – Stormwater Management Bylaw - Chris Krahforst

This article is to create a new bylaw to meet the requirements of the EPA. EPA authority over stormwater dates back to the 1972 Clean Water Act. This bylaw will help protect our water resources, comply with state and federal regulations by mapping our stormwater drainage system and providing a structure to review construction and post construction stormwater runoff, and create a maintenance framework for the system. Failure to pass the bylaw could result in a consent decree from the EPA that could place more stringent standards on the town in addition to significant fines. The EPA has pushed cities and towns to go through this process, although it was delayed around 2008.

Hull has hired The North and South Rivers Watershed Association (NSRWA) to provide education to the community. An Authority will be created by the bylaw with the department heads from Sewer, Conservation, DPW, Building, Community Development and Planning. The bylaw applies to all activities resulting in the disturbance of 12,500 square feet of land or more. The town decided to start with larger properties to gain expertise. The bylaw could be revised by Town Meeting at a later date to include smaller properties if the Authority decides it is needed. The town worked with BETA Engineering to develop the bylaw. BETA is producing a drainage map of the town. While the town could have chosen a more basic mapping of the stormwater drainage system, it was ultimately decided to do a thorough mapping to keep from having to do more work in the future.

The bylaw and the regulations adopted by the board will result in a cleaning program for the system. It will require ongoing funding in the future. The bylaw also authorizes a revolving fund that will be

funded by fees paid by developers. The fund has a cap of 35,000 for the first year. After 2 or 3 years the town will adjust the cap to reflect realistic receipts and expenditures. The EPA permit the town is seeking will be a 5 year permit. We looked at several towns' bylaws to model ours after. While no community is exactly like ours it was helpful to start with a framework from another town and customize it to Hull. Please see attachment 20200309-2

Dan Sullivan moves to adjourn. Pat Cormier seconds the motion. The vote is unanimous.

Dave Clinton adjourns the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Attachments

20200309-1 Letter from Barbara DiVito with property map and assessors card

20200309-2 Stormwater Bylaw Presentation.

20200309-3 Data on town population and Sr. Center usage.

20200309-4 Opinion regarding Town Charter and Hull Council on Aging