

## Minutes from September 15, 2011 WRAC Meeting

Attending this meeting were the following: Ron Beck, Barry Rosen, Jeff Clymer, Helen Probst, Doug Halley, Michael Kreuze and Janet Adachi. Ron Beck opened the meeting at 6:55 PM.

There were no meeting minutes ready for review.

We first discussed that the Acton 2020 Committee was looking for comments from us regarding their Objective 2.1 **Protect the quality and quantity of the water** at an upcoming meeting. At the time the meeting was expected to be at Town Hall. We tentatively planned to attend this meeting as a portion of our meeting which was at the same time (9/21).

The discussion then moved to the bylaw. We spent the majority of the meeting discussing where the authority would be placed for regulation and operation of the storm water rules contained in the bylaw.

The following observations were made in the discussion of the appropriate body to have authority for the storm water bylaw:

- There are many departments with a hand in this process – storm drains are with the Highway Department, Engineering is concerned with quantity of storm water while the Department of Health with the quality of storm water, and the Planning Board with subdivisions plans which include storm water solutions.
- A storm water utility is needed (may be longer term solution)
- There will be a need for both a regulatory authority and an operating authority
- Board of Health would be a logical choice as a regulatory authority as it a citizen group with expertise in many key areas.
- The Planning Board could develop synergies in working with the Board of Health on subdivisions plans so this joint authority would be manageable as the approval for the subdivision plan still would reside with the Planning Board.

Doug informed the WRAC that there was a new system being installed that would facilitate the permitting process and the tracking of conditions placed on permits. There will need to be a checklist of efforts to review with the Board of Health and Departments. Justin Snair can provide a sample flowchart showing how this new system would work which would need to be customized for the storm water permitting process.

The final item of discussion for the bylaw was performance levels.

The following observations regarding performance were made:

- Performance levels are inversely related to Zone number (zone numbers 1 and 2 will require high performance levels to ensure that storm water concerns are properly addressed)
- Will be based upon BMP section of handbook
- Will need both standards for development and re-development
- Will need to address differences in DEP and Town zone definitions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54