



CITY OF DOVER

STORMWATER AND FLOOD RESILIENCE FUNDING COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, December 21, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members present: Bill Baber, Ray Bardwell, David Dagenais, Marcia Gasses, Eric George, Paul Geraci, Steve Haight (arrived at 5:50), Vincent Hayes (arrived at 5:52), Chad Kageleiry, Ken Mavrogeorge, Jan Nedelka, Otis Perry, Cynthia Walter, Peter Driscoll (Dover School District, ex officio), Dennis Shanahan (City Council, ex officio), Gretchen Young (Community Services, ex officio),

Members Not Present (excused):

Members Not Present (un-excused): Allan Krans

Also Present: Ben Sweeney (NHDES/PREP Project Partner), Nathalie Morison DiGeronimo (NHDES Project Partner), Abigail Lyon (PREP Project Partner), Jamie Houle (UNH Stormwater Center)

1. Call to Order

Perry called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. Meeting declared an emergency because a physical quorum is not reasonably practical based on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the need to accommodate social distancing. Accommodations will include remote participation.

2. Old Business

A. Nomination/Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion: Gasses made a motion seconded by Baber, **to nominate Dennis Shanahan as Chair.**

Roll call Vote: Motion passed 11-0

Motion: Bardwell made a motion seconded by Gasses, **to nominate Otis Perry as Vice Chair.**

Roll call Vote: Motion passed 11-0

B. Review/approval of minutes from Monday, November 30, 2020

Motion: Perry made a motion, seconded by Dagenais, **to approve.**

The following amendments to the minutes were made:

- Bardwell noted that the minutes should reflect Krans's concerns that the charge of the committee will lead the City to the same result as the 2010 stormwater funding committee.
- Bardwell noted that the minutes should include the discussion about the committee's focus on stormwater funding versus operational decisions and/or regulatory compliance efforts for stormwater management.



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- Bardwell noted that the minutes should reflect that commissioners feel that regulations are requiring excessively expensive operational changes every time the municipality renews discharge permits.
- Mavrogeorge noted a correction in meeting date.
- Lyon noted spelling corrections.

Vote: Motion to approve as amended passed 12-0

3. Meeting Purpose

Sweeney discussed the intent of this meeting is to review how stormwater is currently being funded in the city in order to gain an understanding of the current and future financial needs.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. City stormwater and flood resilience/response cost of services

CS Staff Young and Storer presented on current stormwater operational, CIP, flood response and regulatory funding requirements. The presentation outlined where the funds come from and how they currently appear in the approved City Budget. Staff also projected stormwater funding needs for the next five years.

B. Introduction to funding options

Sweeney quickly outlined options for funding stormwater expenses, with the intention to dive deeper into those options at our next meeting.

5. MEMBER COMMENT AND CITIZEN FORUM

Bardwell asked what areas are regulated under the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit, and if the State would be funding any aspects of compliance. Bardwell also asked if the City should be taking more innovative approaches to stormwater management. Shanahan stated that the Council has tasked this committee with reviewing funding options for stormwater compliance, and that there are other venues where more technical aspects of compliance are reviewed.

Walters asked about a credit program throughout the watershed that could be implemented to meet the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit.

Baber asked for staff to share the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit with the committee members.



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Shanahan mentioned that an update on the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit will be presented to City Council on January 6, 2021 at 7:00 PM, and encouraged committee members to attend to learn more about the permit.

Bardwell encouraged the committee to think outside of the funding options Sweeney presented when considering solutions for future stormwater management needs.

Mavrogeorge asked about additional information on funding stormwater management through public/private partnerships and multiple municipal partnerships.

Nedelka asked if there are any known flood hazard areas that are not included in the FEMA mapping. Young answered that there are areas of undersized infrastructure that are prone to localized flooding that would not be included in a flood map.

No members of the public were present to speak.

6. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE, TOPIC, AND HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Shanahan noted that committee members should review the City's Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study, which was completed in 2010.

Shanahan asked staff to complete the following for the next committee meeting:

- Provide updated information on future funding needs, particularly for the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit
- Provide the committee with information on the Great Bay Total Nitrogen General Permit (e.g., what communities are included)
- Look at ideas for working collaboratively with other municipalities in the watershed
- Review and update the committee on the FEMA flood mapping process and whether there are other flood prone areas in the City.
- Identify how much impervious cover in Dover is publicly owned

Next meeting scheduled for January 25th, 2021.

3. Chairman Shanahan Adjourned Meeting at 7:20 PM