



CITY OF DOVER

STORMWATER AND FLOOD RESILIENCE FUNDING COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, February 22, 2020**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Bill Baber, David Degenais, Marcia Gasses (arrived at 6:12 PM), Eric George, Paul Geraci, Steve Haight, Vincent Hayes, Chad Kageleiry, Ken Mavrogeorge, Jan Nedelka, Otis Perry, Cynthia Walter, Allen Krans, Peter Driscooll (Dover School District, ex officio), Dennis Shanahan (City Council, ex officio), Gretchen Young (Community Services, ex officio)

Members Not Present (excused): Ray Bardwell

Members Not Present (un-excused): None

Also Present: Ben Sweeney (NHDES/PREP Project Partner), Nathalie Morison DiGeronimo (NHDES Project Partner), Abigail Lyon (PREP Project Partner), Tom Swenson (NHDES Project Partner), Martha Shiels (New England Environmental Finance Center Project Partner)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 include remote participation.

2. ATTENDANCE (follow remote participation procedures as needed)

Councilor Shanahan called attendance (see members present listed above).

3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF JANUARY 25, 2021 MINUTES

Motion: Nedelka made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Degenais second

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (11 yes; 1 abstention; 0 no)

No amendments suggested or made

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review feedback from funding option homework assignment

Sweeney presented a brief analysis of responses from the homework assignment from the previous meeting. The presentation included a summary of the responses for the following funding options: general fund, fee-based, system development charges, stormwater utility, sewer user fees, village districts, public-private partnerships (PPP), and grants, loans, and bonds. Members of the committee evaluated the options by assigning high, medium, or low ratings to the security, adequacy, flexibility, and equitability (S.A.F.E.) of each option. Individual responses were weighted (high=3,



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medium=2, low=1) and totaled for each of the S.A.F.E. criteria to produce an overall score that would allow responses to be compared across the different funding options.

In addition to the funding options committee members rated, the following ideas were added to the discussion: combinations of options (e.g., general fund for operating costs and stormwater utility for capital expenditures or stormwater utility supplemented by grants and fees) and regional considerations (e.g., regional stormwater utility, intermunicipal credit trading system, and establishing a Great Bay Watershed Coalition to facilitate voluntary agreements and cost sharing among the 42 communities in the watershed).

B. Select funding options that merit further exploration during future meetings

Councilor Shanahan and Kageleiry suggested reviewing the eight options and discussing among the group which to consider for future meetings. Nedelka concurred. Baber raised the idea that funding options that warrant further investigation be considered as “primary funding sources” rather than those that could be used in combination with others (e.g., grants and the general fund).

Following discussion about the eight options the following decisions were made using an informal consensus-based process: Sewer fees, Village Districts, were tabled, and Stormwater Utilities, Fee Based/Impact Fees and System Development Charges, General Fund and Private-Public Partnerships (PPP) will be discussed at the March, April, and May meetings respectively.

Motion: Perry made a motion to approve the schedule as presented; Baber second

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (13 yes; 0 abstention; 0 no)

Comments: Walter asked a clarifying question about the level of detail the committee can anticipate for future presentations about each of the funding options. Sweeney suggested the three meetings focus on the basics of each option and include guest speakers to share their experience and share different fee structures. The committee will then have the opportunity to prioritize options and assess how they could be implemented in the City.

5. OLD BUSINESS

A. Updates on outstanding items from previous meetings

Young shared more information about the Southeast Watershed Alliance (SWA). SWA was established to tackle regional issues and has some ability to raise funds. Dover has been a member since 2009. For additional information reach out to Young or Lyon.



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6. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present

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

Next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2021 at 5:30 PM.

8. ADJOURN

Councilor Shanahan declared the meeting adjourned.