



CITY OF DOVER

STORMWATER AND FLOOD RESILIENCE FUNDING COMMITTEE - MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, October 25, 2021**
Meeting Time: **5:30 PM**

Members Present: Bill Baber, Ray Bardwell, David Degenais, Eric George, Paul Geraci, Steve Haight, Chad Kageleiry, Allen Krans, Ken Mavrogeorge, Jan Nedelka, Cynthia Walter, Dennis Shanahan (City Council, ex officio), Peter Driscoll, (School Department, ex officio), Gretchen Young (Community Services, ex officio),

Members Not Present (excused):

Members Not Present (un-excused): Otis Perry, Marcia Gasses

Also Present: Ben Sweeney (NHDES Coastal Program Project Partner), Jamie Houle (UNH Stormwater Center Project Partner), and Tom Swenson (NHDES Project Partner), John Storer (Director of Community Services)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM. 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 AUGUST 30, 2021 MINUTES

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

Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (9 yes; 1 abstention; 0 no)

Amendment: with amendments

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Overview of draft deliverables:

i. Summary of Recommendations

Sweeney presented an overview of the Summary of Recommendations, intent is to be more high-level overview, with the full report to include more in depth information. Bardwell discussed the need for added staffing and outreach and citizen education ahead of implementation of a utility. Kageleiry stated that the outreach should not attempt to disguise the fact that this will be an additional cost to a property owner. Shanahan noted that staffing and education will be crucial next steps as is outlined in the full report. Sweeney reviewed that South Portland had hired one additional staff member whose responsibility it was to provide customer service and answer questions, especially at the beginning, and one part-time person to inspect. Nedelka noted much of this was addressed in the full report. Some members noted that he had not had the opportunity to review the full report. Walter noted that the summary document did not indicate a need



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for staffing, both for a utility and for permit compliance in general, and asked if that could be added. Krans noted that the summary document is probably going to be the only thing that most people read, and recommends adjustments to the layout. Krans noted that the first point in the summary document should address the urgency and magnitude of funding need for stormwater and flood resiliency. Committee discussed who the audience is and recommended a separate document for general public. Committee discussed difference between tax and user fee. Walter reiterated the need to highlight the urgency, deferred maintenance, safety of others, and the fact that there is an impact from properties on other residents. Degenais asked that healthcare providers be considered for a credit along with others such as non-profits and faith based institutions. Krans asked if any potential credits should be included in document if nothing specific is recommended. Waters suggested an FAQ document. Committee discussed weather specific recommendations for credits should be included. Houle asked if it made sense to get too into the weeds with the credits when the commitment to the utility has not been officially made by the City Council. He also reminded the committee that the City has already committed to major stormwater investment by contract with CLF and EPA. Young stated that there are some potential opportunities, such as requiring state owned roadway and other impervious infrastructure to pay a fee, that have not been confirmed, therefore finalizing numbers is premature at this point. Sweeney noted that ballpark estimates have been presented in previous meetings and are included in the full report. Baber noted that a few things have been left out, including groundwater and drinking water protection and climate adaptation that the Council approved master plan has already identified as need. Kageleiry asked Storer if the funds were guaranteed, would he prefer to use general fund over utility for ease. Storer responded that times have changed, and that the way we are operating today cannot be the way we operate into the future. He acknowledged the added burden of running a utility, but also indicated that many smaller best management practices scattered throughout the city, as is incentivized by a utility, is a more effective way of managing stormwater. Krans pointed out again the importance of highlighting the need in the beginning of any document that is presented to the council. Shanahan noted that the meeting time has passed, and asked what was left to do on the summary document, prior to starting full review of the detailed document. He noted that homework would be provided to members and asked that all members review the full document and get comments to Ben. Also noted that Sweeney is looking for recommendations on how to present a minority report.

i. Comprehensive Findings & Recommendations Report

Time did not allow for this item.



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B. Discuss draft deliverable revisions:

- i. Where is more information needed?
- ii. What information is missing?
- iii. What needs to be removed?

Time did not allow for this item.

C. Discuss integration of minority input into Findings & Recommendations Report.

Time did not allow for this item.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

None present

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

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

7. ADJOURN

Motion: Nedelka; Second: Baber

Councilor Shanahan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20.