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DEPT./BOARD: Stormwater Article Subcommittee of the General Bylaw Review Committee

DATE: May 23, 2022

TIME: 7:00 PM

PLACE: Virtual via Zoom

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

David Miller, Susan Kadilak, Eileen Coleman

Minutes

The subcommittee began the meeting at 6:35 PM by selecting a chair. Upon a motion by Dave, seconded by Eileen, Susan Kadilak was elected to be chair of this subcommittee by a unanimous vote, 3-0.

Members noted that this meeting, and a subsequent meeting this week on Wednesday, May 25, had been scheduled and posted. The committee will decide later if additional meetings are necessary to complete the review of amendments to the Stormwater Article. The committee's review will be presented to the General Bylaw Review Committee meeting on June 21, 2022. The plans are for it to be presented at the September Town Meeting.

Eileen shared her screen during the zoom meeting, indicating the changes that the Conservation Commission is suggesting. She said that the amendments did not involve extensive changes to the structure of the bylaw. The changes noted during this meeting include:

- A change to the title of the Bylaw, to begin with "Stormwater" (Stormwater and Erosion and Sedimentation Control).
- Removing Planning Board review or action on the permits referred to in the Bylaw. Eileen stated that the Planning Board has not been involved in this process.
- Changes/clarifications in the requirements for both Standard and Abbreviated Permits.
- The "Oxford comma" is dropped throughout the Bylaw.

The subcommittee members reviewed eight pages of the 20-page Bylaw, including the Definitions section. Members suggested some changes in wording, capitalization, and sentence structure. Some longer paragraphs were revised into bulleted items. Eileen answered questions regarding the Conservation Department's intent in asking for the suggested amendments.





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As the subcommittee members reviewed the proposed amendments, some items were postponed to the next meeting, pending additional information:

- Definitions of “land alteration” and “new development” (Eileen)
- Revising the section on “Applicability” of the Bylaw (Eileen)
- Clarifying “rear zoning setbacks” regarding tree removals (Susan)

The subcommittee decided to schedule two additional meetings, in the event that they are necessary to complete the Article review:

- Tuesday, June 7 at 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, June 14 at 6:30 PM

Eileen offered to set up both meetings via Webex, and will send the link to the subcommittee members and for posting within the agenda of these meetings.

Upon a motion by Eileen, seconded by Dave, the subcommittee voted unanimously, 3-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

