

Lowell Stormwater Mgmt. Board Minutes
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 10th, 2025

Phil Kuiper called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 10th, 2025 at 5:12pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Recording Secretary Dianna Cade called the roll. Members present were Rich Oman, Phil Kuiper and Courtney Anderson. Staff Present was Stormwater and GIS Director Gregory White, Town Manager Craig Hendrix, Jill Murr, Clerk Treasurer and Town Attorney Nichole Bennet.

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Oman made a motion to approve the minutes from February 6th, 2024 seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried with a voice vote of all ayes.

Old Business: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Adopt Declaratory Resolution -

Mr. Hendrix stated as part of the process of securing a bond there are some declaratory resolutions that need to be passed by this board. Mr Hendrix stated that Brad Bingham, from the Barnes, Thornberg which is the bond council, is participating via zoom, he will explain further.

Mr. Bingham stated there are several steps to issue a bond for stormwater projects. State statute requires that the first step be the adoption of a declaratory resolution that sets forth the projects. Mr. Hendrix has spoken about these projects in the previous meetings. Mr. Bingham stated the resolution presented tonight makes the findings that these projects are needed and for public benefit. The resolution also makes a determination that the estimated cost will not exceed \$6,250,000, which is the soft and hard cost. This is on the high end, but the statute requires an estimated be adopted. It also authorizes a publication of a notice that the resolution has been adopted in order to set forth a public hearing. The plan is that the bonds will be payable from stormwater revenues. However, a property tax backup on the bonds is recommended to secure the best ratings and lowest cost funds. This is first step tonight. The next steps will be a public hearing on the bonds, projects and the additional appropriations to be funded with bond proceeds. Mr, Bingham stated he proposes the public hearing to be held on May 8th at the next stormwater meeting with the documents then being forwarded to the town council for their May 12th meeting. The time frame would be to sell the bonds sometime in mid to late July. The bonds would be funded in mid-August. Discussion on payment for projects until the bonds are funded.

Mr. Hendrix stated that the town council has acted on some of the projects already. He stated there are a few storm water road drainage improvement projects and the EQ basin which have already been awarded. The town will pay for these projects until the bond funds are secured and the stormwater board can reimburse the town for them. The council will then assign these projects to the stormwater board once the bond is funded. The Board will be responsible for them after that.

The stormwater board will meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 5pm as needed.

Mr. Oman made a motion to adopt the declaratory resolution, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried with a roll call vote of all ayes.

Announcements: The next meeting was scheduled for May 08th, 2025

Public Comment: None was heard online or in person.

Adjournment: Mr. Oman, made a motion to adjourn at 5:20pm, seconded by Ms. Anderson and carried with voice vote of all ayes.

Chairman, Phillip Kuiper

Secretary, Rich Oman