

## **Lowell Stormwater Board Minutes**

### **Regular Meeting**

### **Thursday May 12, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Stormwater Board was called to order on Thursday May 12, 2022, by President Will Farrellbegg. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Stormwater Director Gregory White called the roll. Members present were President Will Farrellbegg, Daniel Smith and Richard Oman. Staff Present was Stormwater and GIS Director Greory White, Town Manager Craig Hendrix. Town Attorney Nichole Bennet was present via Zoom connection. Rachel Pichelman from SEH Engineering was present via Zoom connection.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Member Richard Oman made a motion to table the approval of the minutes from the November 11, 2021, meeting. Seconded by Daniel Smith. Approved 3-0

#### **Old Business:**

**Status report- Stormwater Master Plan:** A progress report was presented via zoom connection by Rachel Pichelman from SEH engineering. Rachel Presented a comprehensive update on the Town Stormwater Master Plan using visual aids. She highlighted priorities deficiencies to be studied for the Master Plan. Craig Hendrix discussed the benefits and importance of having a Stormwater Master Plan for the Town. A discussion ensued concerning I&I and sump pumps. A discussion ensued about using a SMP for bonding projects.

**Status Report- Progress on McConnell Pond Renovation:** Greg White gave a presentation with photographs of the updated status of the McConnell Pond renovation project. The project has been broken into a 2-phase project: 1) vegetation removal and 2) regrading. Mr. White stated that the vegetation removal was complete and that he was waiting for a path forward on the re-grade. Options for the re-grade were to have the TOL Street department regrade the pond or hire a contractor to do the work.

#### **New Business:**

**Project Proposal – 171<sup>st</sup> SACO McConnell Right of Way Drainage:** Greg White gave a presentation concerning the roadside drainage along the SACO Industries property on 171<sup>st</sup> avenue. He stated the necessity to have the drainage ditch cleaned because it was leading to flooding in the roadway. A partnership was proposed between the Town and SACO to replace a culvert, eliminate a culvert and replace measures to slow erosion and capture garbage that was being released from the refuse containers on site. Craig Hendrix asked the board to take no action at this time until he gets and designs and quotes for the job if quotes are necessary. No action was taken.

**Discussion – Castlebrook Sub./Marion Drive Backyard Drain:** Craig Hendrix discussed the backyard drainage situation on Marion Drive and how it relates to the 3 levels of priorities highlighted in the upcoming Stormwater Master Plan. The discussion included the possibility of in-house design and construction. NO action was taken.

**Discussion – Malibu Woods Pond Renovation:** Craig Hendrix discussed the pond in Malibu Woods and the degrading conditions within the pond. He stated that the pond was acquired on tax sale and has been severely neglected. Members discussed with the Town Attorney legalities of the pond since there was no

easement or access rights for the town. The discussion included a request from the property owner to the south of the pond to intervene because of the uncontrolled release of stormwater on to his unincorporated property. Mr. Hendrix asked that no action be taken at this time until staff returns with more details about the project. No action was taken.

**Discussion:** None

**Announcements:** The next meeting was scheduled for July 14 2022.

**Public Comment:** Ray Borchert commented on the importance of the project in Castlebrook.

**Adjournment:** Motioned by Rich Oman, Seconded by Daniel Smith. Approved 3-0 Meeting was Adjourned 5:53 PM

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Chairman

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Secretary