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STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

3:00 P.M.

Shelburne Town Offices

Present: Michael Schramm, Tom DiPietro, Lee Krohn, Marty Illick, Chris Davis, Chip Stuell, Owen Clay, Susan Moegenburg, Milly Archer.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M.

By consensus and without changes, the agenda was approved.

By consensus and without changes, the minutes of September 17, 2019 were approved.

Public comment on items not on the agenda – none.

Path forward – continued discussion

Changes as agreed to previously were reviewed. To pro-actively address questions that typically arise in hearings to come, Krohn arranged for advance legal review of the latest drafts of the Ordinance and Credit Manual, using the same counsel as before for maximum efficiency and minimum cost. Key issues for the committee (phasing, and possible % that can be earned as credits) are Town policy matters, not legal questions. to the stormwater ordinance and credit manual were reviewed. Considerable discussion ensued again as to credits, seeking to balance purpose and need for utility fees with financial burdens upon landowners, especially nonprofits. Divergent suggestions were made regarding educational and agricultural credits, as well as the total possible % that could be earned. An early rough draft was reviewed of a spreadsheet showing the largest landowners and ERU/utility fee estimates, although it was known these data

were all subject to change as more accurate data are generated. Further discussion ensued about credits and costs to landowners. Given the known issues and concerns, along with the need to move this along to the Selectboard for public hearing and adoption, looking toward implementation needed by July 1, 2020, Krohn sought to help the committee work toward consensus, one item at a time, as the committee's goal this time around was to come to agreement and present a unified front to the Selectboard and the community. After further discussion, agreement was reached:

Increasing the maximum possible credit to 75%;

Increasing the education credit from 10% to 20% (as agreed before); and

Increasing the agricultural credit to 45%.

The two-tiered approach to single family residential will remain, as will the three-year phase in for the utility fees, both to ease in to the new fees, and acknowledging that some landowners will incur other costs for engineering/construction/permitting due to the new "3 acre rule" imposed by other agencies, and this will help these landowners avoid paying the full amounts of both processes at the start.

The documents will be revised accordingly. Other minor changes to the ordinance include changing the word 'curriculum' to "program" on page 11 in the educational section, and clarifying for single family residential that the threshold parcel size will be up to one acre, and then equal to or more than one acre.

Krohn thanked the committee for its sustained hard work, and for its willingness to come to unified agreement on key matters.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lee Krohn.