

Watertown Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes

April 21, 2022 4:00 PM @ Virtually

In attendance: Janet Buck (Chair), Laurel Schwab, Matt Shuman, Cambria Ung

I. **Welcome :** Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM

II. **Discussions / Actions**

A. **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The minutes from the March 2022 meeting were approved.

III. **Reports/ Status Updates**

A. **Committee membership:** Nick Haddad is still waiting for his application to be reviewed. David Gardner expressed interest as well. He has a background in electrical engineering.

B. **MS4 Permit: Matt's Report**

- Bids have been opened for work on this year's street construction. The streets will be Chester, Boylston and Locke. Construction is expected to begin in the next two months. The work includes a number of tree trenches and is projected to remove 2.5 lbs. of phosphorous/year.
- Watertown has also received \$250,000 in AARPA funds to make stormwater improvements in the Cottage Street area, to reduce flooding along the Greenway.
- Stormwater filters are being installed in the DPW parking lot, projected to remove 0.2 lbs. phosphorous/year.
- The Stormwater Management Plan is being updated.
- The website is transitioning content from the old to new website.
- This year's budget has been submitted, including \$300,000 for drainage improvements.

C. **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant – Laurel Schwab**

- We had a great abutters meeting on 3/31 to get input on the initial green streets designs. We had over 40 participants including some City Councilors. Several abutters have since reached out expressing interest in staying involved and we will be including letters from about 6 of them in our grant application.
- GSI walk: plan to start on Edenfield then look at outfall at Howard St. And end at townhouse bldg. with examples along Pleasant (east of Howard)
 - Timing: late May, late afternoon on a weekday
 - David Gardner willing to drop flyers on abutter streets

- SAC members, Weston and Sampson (2), comm ambassadors will give talking points/things to point out and a map if applicable. Site walks tentatively scheduled for 5/11 3-6pm
- Grant app:
 - Requested letter of support from committee

D. Update on Climate Action Plan work

- Review information submitted by Natural Resource Working Group

IV. Discussion / Actions:

A. Community Outreach Efforts

- Live Well Watertown Walk

B. Planning for WPS programs - Report on 5th grade panel talk

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM