

Watertown Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes

August 18, 2022 4:00 PM @ Virtually

In attendance: Janet Buck (Chair, Steve Magoon, Matt Shuman, Cambria Ung.

Visitors: David Gardner, Nick Haddad

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 scheduled for an interview. David Gardener expressed interest as well. He has a background in electrical engineering.

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

- Year 4 reporting is complete and year 5 is beginning.
- Matt shared a slide show that described the addition of an infiltration system at Sawins Street, off Cottage Street. Photos are included under separate cover. Janet asked how it came to be installed, especially in this location. Matt explained that it came from AARPA funds, obtained by way of our state senator and rep. This area was selected because it was near the DCR path, had good sandy soil and a low water table.
- Matt said that we are getting close to meeting the 5 year target for phosphorous removal. This is partly by virtue of the amount of private development happening during this period.
- David asked if we could divert other properties runoff into a newer 100 year stormwater tank. Matt responded that it is possible (66 Galen is doing this) but there are liability reasons why property owners and their insurance companies might object.
- Nick asked if salt control is a big issue for us, and Matt replied that not yet.

C. **Climate Action Plan Updates:** The plan was unanimously approved by the City Council

IV. **Discussion / Actions:**

A. **Other Outreach Activities:**

1. **Stormwater Walk – Live Well Watertown** – Janet spoke with Stephanie. They are aware that we are available, but currently have other priorities.
2. **Watertown Public Schools** – Nick will plan on talking with one of the teachers from WMS.
3. **Other Grant Opportunities for Education** – Nick asked about education grants, and Matt said that they generally come via the Watershed groups, like the CWRA.

C. Faire on the Square – September 24

- a. A table has been reserved
- b. Able to Attend: Janet, Nick, David Gardner, possibly DPW intern, David Stokes
- c. Not Able To Attend: Cambria, Matt,

Announcements

Next Meeting September 15 at 4:00 IF NEEDED

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Buck, Chair.