

# Watertown Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes

October 17, 2024 4:00 PM @ Virtually

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**In attendance:** Steve Magoon, Katie Swan, Tyler Glode, Nancy Hammett, Tyler Glode, and Mia Kania

**Visitors:** Liz Cremins (Resident Advisory Committee Chair)

- I. **Welcome :** Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM
- II. **Brief Reports/ Status Updates**
  - a. Recruit more resident members
  - b. Vote on new chair
- A. Recruit more resident members
- B. Vote on new chair
  - Still need to vote on a chair
3. **Other Business**
  - A. **Update on new stormwater regulations**
    - i. Hammett came back because she wants to be involved again
    - ii. MS4 Permit
      - a. Permit is out of date (MS4) – federal gov has been extending it and is in the process of renewing it.
    - iii. PO4 TMDL – new phase of that and prove reduction of PO4
      - a. Possible designation adds more requirements for NPDES permit
    - iv. SW reporting – submitted before the deadline
    - v. Greater focus on flood prone areas and less focused on stormwater management
      - a. DPW – removing 178 lb. of PO4 from the Charles would cost about 28 million a year for stormwater management (most of it is tree trench work)
      - b. Installed 47 tree trenches and 28 to be installed on Mount Auburn and another street (design is in place).
      - c. DPW is 2 years behind on the contracts that needs to be done and backlog of construction projects
      - d. 150 projects approved
      - e. DPW is presenting on 10/28 (budget presentation to the City Council)
  - B. **Education ideas**
    - i. Need a new brochure
    - ii. Mystic River and Charles River
    - iii. Nancy attends national river network meetings
    - iv. Working with the schools
    - v. Tyler will have time to do presentations

- a. DPW is getting an assistant City Engineer
- vi. Watertown Square – will be a long term project

**C. Water Quality Status**

- i. No discussion

**4. Announcements**

- A. Need to schedule a meeting for next month
  - 11/21/24 @ 4pm
- B. Next meeting
  - Look for good educational materials
  - Further EPA research on a summary for PO4 TMDL, stormwater handbook

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM