

## Watertown Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) minutes

June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 4:00 PM – Virtual

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**In attendance:** Nancy Hammett (Chair), Steve Magoon (Asst. City Manager for CDP), Laurel Schwab (Sustainability Manager), Katie Swan (Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent), Tyler Glode (City Engineer), Joseph Ganno, Warren Tolman.

**Absent:** Thalia Aoki

**Visitor:** David Stokes

1. **Welcome:** Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm
2. **Approval of Minutes:**
  - a. Minutes for the April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Stormwater Advisory Committee meeting were approved – (Motion–Tolman, Second–Glode)
3. **Brief reports/status updates**
  - a. Watertown Middle School stormwater walk: Stokes gave a brief recap of the annual event. 75-100 students attended. All in all it was a good event. Students utilized a bingo card during the walk. Stokes suggested we update the route to incorporate new features. Hammett mentioned they could use more staff/committee member help in the future. Stokes noted that the outfall signs are looking worn; Glode said he estimated they are about 10 years old so he will look into a replacement schedule. Stokes also suggested doing more signage at BMPs in general; Glode said he’s been considering putting signage at Arsenal Park Phase B. Stokes also suggested the rain garden at Common St.
  - b. Glode reported that the DPW has started tracking addresses of rain barrel purchases so the City has a sense of where those BMPs are located. Schwab offered her team’s help in developing and finding locations for BMP signage as well as soliciting residents to volunteer to be placed on a rain barrel map.
  - c. Schwab gave update on MVP block parties and invited members to attend and speak to residents about the project and stormwater issues in general at the upcoming events on 6/21 and 6/24.
4. **Education and Outreach**
  - a. Hammett asked about preferred methods for sharing content. Glode said it would be easy to set up a SharePoint folder for members. Glode said he can take care of it.
  - b. Target audiences and activities: the following ideas were volunteered or briefly discussed.
    - Tabling- need to identify opportunities
    - Reaching businesses, houses of worship, students (elementary and HS)
    - Refresh materials at senior center, library
    - Talk to organizers of the Life Friendly Garden Tour to see whether participants tend to have rain barrels that could be highlighted
    - Ganno stated that the Watertown Business Coalition is interested in hosting the Committee at some point. He also suggested that the Committee could create

some PSAs with WCATV. Stokes suggested getting high school students who do TV work involved.

- Glode noted that we have a dormant Adopt a Drain program, which the Committee and staff could focus on promoting.
- Stormwater stenciling: members discussed the informational signage that CRWA once painted next to storm drains with the use of a stencil, many of which are now faded.
- Evaluate and update inventory of materials- Glode and his team have started cataloguing these.

**5. Upcoming events:**

- a. Schwab reminded the Chair to register for Faire on the Square to secure a table.
- b. Schwab reported that the tabling opportunities at this year's farmers market is constrained because of park construction. Schwab suggested reaching non-city avenues like houses of worship, neighborhood groups, etc.

**6. Next SAC meeting: July 17, 2025 @ 4 PM**

**7. Adjourn at 5 pm**