

Watertown Stormwater Advisory Committee (SAC) Minutes - DRAFT

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 4:00 PM - Virtual

In attendance: Nancy Hammett (Chair), Katie Swan (Environmental Planner/Conservation Agent), Steve Magoon (Asst. City Manager for CDP), and Tyler Glode (City Engineer).

Absent: Lilia Moscalu and Warren Tolman

Visitor:

Minutes

1. Welcome and Introduction of Visitor

2. Acceptance of Minutes

- A. Approval of August 21, 2025 were approved.
- B. September 18, 2025 Minutes were approved with amendments.

3. Brief Reports / Status Updates

- A. Review of Faire on the Square
 - Hammett shared that there was good turnout and they were short-staffed at their table and hoped to have more resident members available in the future.
- B. Overview of information resources
 - Hammett proposed a review of the committee's priorities and suggested assessing stormwater implications related to dam removal, the GSA site, and Walker Pond. Glode expressed interest in the floodplain's impact from dam removal, while Hammett highlighted the Mass Rivers Alliance's resources and planned to summarize relevant information for the next meeting.

4. Outreach and Education

- A. CRWA presentation on flooding follow up
 - Characteristics of sites for flooding – Walker Pond (Charles River Watershed Association) Priority sites that could be considered for next round of MVP funding.
- B. General stormwater education and outreach goals
 - SAC residents committee member recommendations
 - Hammett and Magoon discussed expanding stormwater education and outreach efforts with suggestions for RAC members. Magoon mentioned that the administrative code is being reviewed by the council, offering an opportunity to suggest changes to committee roles and composition.
 - SAC meeting updates
 - Discussed concerns about the Clean Water Act modifications and wetland requirements, with Glode noting that development is slowing while costs for stormwater management infrastructure are increasing significantly.
 - Hammett proposed focusing on outreach and education, including potential collaboration with the Life Garden tour, while Magoon suggested involving more resident members in the committee's work.

The group agreed to meet again in December, with plans to discuss the committee's structure and focus areas, and Tyler reported that the Dexter and Templeton MVP project will begin construction on April 15th.

5. Announcements

- A. Next meeting to be held on December 18, 2025, @ 4 pm

Adjourned at 5 pm