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2/11/21
Meeting Minutes
4:30 PM

Present Members: Cynthia Wyatt, Steve Panish, Virginia Long, Karen Golab,
Robert Weiss,

Absent Members: Wayne Sylvester, Deborah McCormack

Staff Present: Julius Peel, Land Use Department

Special Meeting Notice - Electronic

I. Call to Order: Ascertain who is present at 4:35

II. Ernest Cartier Creveling MS4 Permit.

Ernest Creveling, Town Administrator, explained that the Notice of Intent was accepted by the EPA, this step is the very first step of the MS4 Permit. To continue to catch up on this permit that needed to be started in 2018, *GeoInsight* was hired through the board of selectman. This professional service will get the town caught up to year three for a total cost of roughly \$59,600. This would cover three years' worth of work.

Ernest gave the MCC a handout document that explained the MS4 permit more in-depth. He explained that educating the commission is the first step before they should act on the permit. In the document it explains the history of the MS4 Permit along with the Six minimum control measures (MCM's) for Phase II small MS4 Permits. Virginia asked for the NOI and for a link to this documents webpage. Ernie explained that when he came to the community, he had been informed that the EPA had sent a warning letter stating that the community is not in conformity with the permit, but after speaking with them they understand the community's issues and is willing to work out the problems as long as the community shows progress. A form of progress that Ernie is hoping the community will complete is the Great Bay nitrogen permit for wastewater discharge. This will require working with local communities to ensure that the wastewater departments discharged water meets these new standards.

Ernie explained public education, public involvement, public feedback, and annual reports are essential pieces that the Conservation Commission might want to get involved in. Steve Panish and Virginia Long assert that this is not something that the Conservation Commission should be doing on their own. They also assert they should not be the leader in ensuring the permit is completed.

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Ernie described that an example of some education could be explaining the dangers of Illicit Discharge. The commission asked what an example of this would be. Ernie said that he is not an expert, but untreated grey water dumping into surface waters could be an example of illicit discharge. Geo-Insight will help the community formulate this specific definition of what this may be and potentially how to react to it.

Karen Golab asked if there needs to be an Oversight Committee that should review and hold onto this information. Ernie agreed that there is a bit of importance to this and that having some long-term stake holders in this permit will increase the chance of success.

Cynthia Wyatt stated that as a community all affect members should get together and complete this task. Meeting with GeoInsight is the next, and important to ensure the beginning of this process.

Steve and Virginia note the concerns that were brought up by Bruce that state Mercury and PH problems within local problems. They say that they are not sure how they would address these and want to make sure whatever process that is done combats the problems that they have. Ernie says that he is not a chemist, but GeoInsight will have a better answer for this.

Virginia Long asked about program funding and noted some fact sheets that DES had, asking if the community has looked for grants. Ernest explained that the Sea Coast coalition was formed because there were not much funding sources out there for the MS4 permit. The coalition figures that by working together they could complete the required changes as described by the permit and overall decrease the cost.

The commission thanks Ernest and Julius for coming to a special meeting to discuss the topic and ask that they both keep the commission up to date on the MS4 permit.

III. Adjourn.

- a. **Karen Golab motions to adjourn the meeting. Bob seconds. The vote is unanimous. The Meeting is adjourned.**