

ABC Stormwater Flooding Board

Arlington – Belmont - Cambridge

Minutes of 9/09/2014, 6:00 pm to 7:30pm, Arlington Town Hall, 2nd Floor Selectmen's Hearing Room

Minutes submitted by Wayne Chouinard

Members Present: Kathy Watkins(KW), Wayne Chouinard(WAC)

Members of the Public Present: Ben Beckwith, Anne Marie Lambert, David Landskov

1. Public Comments:

- a. Ben Beckwith discussed the need for the tri-communities to work together, newer climate data utilized in the newly created stormwater ordinances in Belmont.
- b. Anne Marie Lambert summarized a recent presentation made to the Belmont Selectmen regarding the Silver Maple Forest and stressed the need for communities to unite with a goal. She also discussed a recent meeting held between the Town/City Manager's for Arlington, Belmont and Cambridge to discuss on-going issues at the Silver maple Forest

2. Administration:

- a. Discussion designated the primary and alternate board members for the Tri-Community Group as follows:
 - i. Town of Arlington:
 1. primary member is Kevin Greeley; Selectman
 2. alternate members are Mike Rademacher; DPW Director and Wayne Chouinard; Town Engineer
 - ii. Town of Belmont: undetermined
 - iii. City of Cambridge: primary member is Kathy Watkins; City Engineer, alternative members are Jennifer Letorneau Wright; Conservation Administrator and Catherine Woodbury; Engineering Project Manager
- b. A motion was made by WAC to nominate the Cambridge representative as Board Treasurer. 2nd by KW. Vote in the positive motion was 2 of 2.
- c. A motion was made by WAC to nominate the Belmont representative as Board Vice Chair. 2nd by KW. Vote in the positive motion was 2 of 2.
- d. A motion was made by WAC to nominate the Arlington representative as Board Chairman. 2nd by KW. Vote in the positive motion was 2 of 2.

3. Issues & Activities:

- a. The Board discussed the USGS Stream Gauge and ways to utilize the data.
- b. The Board discussed how new climate trends have significantly affected flooding impacts and how climate change has increased the effects of flooding, as well as how Community Policies to reduce impacts including ordinance updates and the requirement to update climate data could be considered to address concerns.

4. Meeting Materials: none

5. Next Meeting Date: November 11, 2014