



TOWN OF CARRBORO STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMISSION – SUMMARY

Meeting on January 09, 2020, 6:30 pm, Town Hall Room 100

Board Members		Guests	Staff
John Cox (vice-chair, absent)	Tom Hoban (absent)		Randy Dodd
Robert Dickson	Jeanette O'Connor (chair)		Heather Holley
Jacquelyn Gist (Council Liaison)	Michael Paul		
Lauren Joca			

Administrative Matters

The SWAC approved the December minutes. O'Connor (chair) and Cox (vice-chair) were re-elected (motion, Dickson, second, Paul, unanimous vote).

Public Hearing on Draft Amendments to the Rate Structure

A public hearing on draft amendments to the stormwater rate structure has been set for January 21, 2020; the item has been referred to the Commission for comment. In September, the Board of Aldermen received a report and discussed the need to increase stormwater service delivery, and directed staff to draft recommended changes to the stormwater rate structure. A 20% increase to the Equivalent Residential Unit fee (from \$75/year to \$90/year) is proposed, along with a new residential tier (\$180/year) for residential properties with greater than 6000 square feet of impervious surface area. In brief, more funding is needed for: additional staffing; addressing the increase in the intensity and frequency of storm events; accelerating the implementation of infrastructure improvements; enhancing service delivery to the community; and responding to new and anticipated federal and state regulatory requirements. The Commission continued discussion regarding the draft rate structure amendments from the previous meeting, and provided a recommendation endorsing the recommended amendments.

Toms Creek Neighborhood Outreach

Staff reported on the status of the survey prepared by the Center for Neighborhood Technology, a nonprofit that the Town has contracted with to perform a pilot study in the watershed and provide recommendations that guide the development of a stormwater residential assistance program. The survey website was opened on 12/2, and will close on 1/12. Over 100 "hits" have been observed for the survey link. Staff are working with CNT to schedule a presentation for early February.

Staff Update

Staff provided an update on several current initiatives: a UNC intern who will be providing graphics and outreach material support; a stream clean up along the Roberson bike path being planned for early March; a new stormwater social media account; progress with the Public Works stream restoration project, Broad Street culvert replacement, and Lorraine Street residential elevations.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.