



**MINUTES
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
3:30PM
BOARD ROOM**

Committee Members Present:

Ed Whiting, Ken Hawkins, Marie Meszaros, Valerie McFall, Joe Wolfe

Committee Members Absent:

Jay Lee, Violet Freudenberg

Staff Present:

Lori Saal (Stormwater Coordinator)
Courtney Alley (AmeriCorps)

Other:

none

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:38 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

August 11, 2016 SAC meeting minutes were approved.

Introduction of AmeriCorps member

The new AmeriCorps member, Courtney Alley, was introduced to the committee. She started work for the Town on Aug 4. To date she has been in training, Monday will be her first full workday. She is from Greenville, went to school at Tennessee Wesleyan, and majored in biology and chemistry.

OLD BUSINESS

Special Pollution Abatement Program (SPAP)

We started the discussion on SPAP during the last SAC meeting. We continued that discussion during the meeting. It is a requirement of town's NPDES permit that "hot spots" are tracked and monitored in order to minimize the potential for unwanted discharge to the stormwater system. "Hot spots" are businesses that could contribute pollutants to the stormwater system that are above normal stormwater discharges. The town must identify, monitor, and perhaps permit hot spots.

Discussion commenced. The major points covered during the discussion were:

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In the past, the town only had 3 or 4 hot spots. Lori said Jason permitted 3 to 4 per year. There have been no problems so far except for an underground tank at a Weigels.

The program is voluntary now. So far, there has been poor participation. Lori proposes to implement a permit program paired with hot spot education program. This will not be a voluntary program. Lori discussed the need to set training and inspection times.

Issues discussed included:

How many hot spots will there be? Depends on the criteria we set up for the program.

Can this requirement be incorporated into the businesses site plan? Yes.

The program will need to bring in existing businesses.

Perhaps a general permit that will fit all types of regulated businesses?

Will there be pushback from the regulated community? Not necessarily since there is no fee and training is free. Businesses only need to train and update their permit twice every 5 years.

Inspections will occur when permits are issued or the business is trained.

What about enforcement?

What about an informational packet for regulated businesses?

Equivalency training acceptable?

The program will need better documentation than what is in place now, such as criteria for who to include in the program.

A permit will provide better accountability than a non-permit tracking program.

Knoxville and Knox County already have a SPAP permit program.

Will this requirement be added to the current stormwater ordinance. Yes or No?

Action – The stormwater coordinator will develop a draft permit program. The program should encourage compliance with enforcement used as a last resort.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

The next meeting is Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 3:30pm in the Town Hall Board Room.

Marie moved to adjourn, Ed adjourned.