

Wakefield Conservation Commission (Commission) Storm water training session – Minutes – December 13, 2023

Attendance: Chairman Jim Luciani; Bob Romano; Peter Miller; Ken Alepidis; Haley McHatton-Ballou; Teresa Belmonte; Paul Wendelgass

Agent: Rebecca Davis

Stacey Minihane and Paula Thompson from Beals & Thomas conducted the presentation.

**Peer review recommendations**

- Collaboration with other boards/committees in Town.
- Establish long-term contracts with one company. This encourages consistency of review.

**Importance of storm water standards**

- Storm water is the single largest source of water impairment in Massachusetts.
- Storm water potentially impacts all areas of the Wetlands Protection Act.

Ms. Belmonte asked about the use of pervious asphalt adjacent to a wetland.

Ms. Thompson noted that the Operations & Maintenance plan needs to be very specific as to maintenance and snow management. These standards should be memorialized in the Order of Conditions as well as the Certificate of Compliance.

**Roof runoff**

- This is considered to be clean. Pre-treatment is not needed for storm water management purposes.

**Treatment**

- All treatment takes place prior to discharge. In regards to salt, although there is no treatment it is felt that by the time the water reaches the end of the treatment chain it is diluted.

**Nature-based Best Management Practices (BMP)**

- Mimicking natural conditions.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Belmonte made a second to the motion. After polling the Commissioners individually, the motion passed unanimously.