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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
of the
PRINCETON FLOOD AND STORMWATER COMMISSION**

July 1, 2022

The meeting of the Princeton Flood and Stormwater Commission was convened at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022 via Virtual Meeting/Zoom Conference. J. Purcell opened the meeting in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act, Section 5, Chapter 231, P.L. 275. In conformance with the requirements of the law, notice was provided of the date, time and location of this regular meeting and filed with the Clerk of Princeton.

I. ROLL CALL

Members:

David Cohen, Princeton Council Liaison; Stuart Lieberman; Scott Sillars;
Barbara Vadnais, Chair; Daniel Van Abs (arrived 10:23 a.m.); Louise Wilson;
Karen Zemble, Princeton Environmental Commission Liaison

Princeton Engineering:

Andrew Filippi, Sewer Engineer; James Purcell, Assistant Engineer;
Janice Most, Recording Secretary
Absent: Ian Baker, Construction Project Engineer;
Deanna Stockton, Deputy Administrator/Municipal Engineer

Watershed Institute:

Sophie Glovier; Mike Pisauo

Sustainable Princeton:

Absent: Jenny Ludmer; Christine Symington

Public: Peter Brown; Lola C.; Harrison; Shelby Kinch; Sharmila Sachdev (out at 10:40 a.m.);
Paul Schorr; Brett Shaver (out at 10:30 a.m.)

II. Approval of Agenda

D. Cohen moved to approve the July 1, 2022 Agenda. L. Wilson seconded.
The Motion passed unanimously.

III. April 1, 2022 and May 6, 2022 Minutes

D. Cohen moved to approve the April 1, 2022 and May 6, 2022 Minutes as presented.
S. Lieberman seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

L. Wilson noted that the April 1, 2022 Minutes reflected “Big R” vs. “Little R” of all major developments.

IV. Public Comment

B. Shaver, 131 Randall Road, spoke to the impact of flooding in his area and possible issues making it worsen.

Discussion: soil erosion due to reconstruction; Mercer County Soil Conservation District has visited the area; runoff during construction goes through same detention basin(s); Randall Road culvert, which is under Terhune Road, construction site is on the watchlist.

P. Schorr noted that base flood elevation is proceeding at Harry’s Brook.

M. Pisauro noted that NJDEP has proposed emergency rules on NJ PACT; he will send a list and a copy of the letter sent to the governor to Members.

V. Discussions and Decisions

a. Municipal Update (Cohen/Purcell/Filippi)

J. Purcell noted that the Nadar Group is proceeding with the Harry’s Brook study.

b. 2022 FSWC Goals and Priorities

The week of July 6, 2022 there will be a joint regional meeting including Princeton, Hopewell Township, Pennington Borough, Lawrence Township, and East Amwell Township.

Discussion: AEV was adopted at the last Council Meeting; single lot projects prohibition on clear cutting with new build; development option vs Planning Board – why not reversed.

S. Sachdev, of the Littlebrook Community noted that currently residential sump pumps from basements flow to the storm drains; new properties being built need to protect other properties and have new/updated storm drains manage the excess.

Discussion: for new development projects, Princeton requires a storm water management plan showing proper drainage; excessive re-grading is not required for new development (??) as new homes cannot be required to retain all runoff.

c. Redevelopment Stormwater Ordinance and Updates

Nothing to report.

d. Stormwater Flows Mapping

A. Filippi stated Harry's Brook infrastructure inlet mapping is complete.

e. Stormwater Utility (Sub-Committee)

A. Filippi stated that a kickoff meeting was held with the consultant and the Sub-Committee is gathering information to present at the next meeting; the Sub Committee will also meet again in July.

Discussion: there is not an elected office on the Sub-Committee; looking for a cross representation of all Princeton residential and business; all Flood and Storm Water Commission members are welcome to join all meetings.

f. Master Plan/Utility Element

J. Purcell stated that a meeting will be held this week; re: economic development information.

D. Van Abs noted that the Committee assignment regarding stormwater objectives is drafted for the stormwater management plan (part of the Utility Services Element) and is in review for edits and the final document will be distributed to the Commission.

Discussion: surveys.

g. Storm Water Mitigation Plan (Sub-Committee)

Nothing to report.

VI. Reports from Liaisons

a. Princeton Environmental Commission

Nothing to report.

b. Sustainable Princeton

Nothing to report.

OTHER

a. D. Stockton will follow up with the Hun School from discussions at the last meeting.

b. D. Cohen talked with Felicia Spritz; re: soil erosion.

c. August Agenda (B. Vadnais; J. Most)

d. Zoom link clarification (J. Purcell).

VII. Adjournment

At 11:05 a.m. D. Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting. S. Sillars seconded.
The Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday August 5, at 10:00 a.m. via Virtual Meeting/Zoom.

Janice Most
Recording Secretary

Adopted: August 5, 2022