

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Ordinance Committee Minutes**

August 11, 2016

1:30 p.m.

Town Hall

Present: Caitlin Jordan, Chair
Sara Lennon
Jessica Sullivan

Staff: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner

Councilor Jordan called the meeting to order. The minutes of the July 28, 2016 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

No member of the public was present.

Technical Amendments

The committee began with the new Chapter 25, Storm Water.

Ms. O'Meara provided an overview. Most of the text is unchanged and has been moved from the Conservation Ordinance. With the growing importance of storm water regulation, it was time to create a stand alone ordinance. This was supported by the Public Works Director and the town's storm water consultant. Most of the regulations are required by federal and state storm water regulations, and our storm water permit. Most changes clean up the format, especially Article I where submission requirements and standards of review are presented in a better format.

Councilor Jordan asked for an example of not allowed non-stormwater discharge. Ms. O'Meara explained that a gentleman changed his car oil at Gull Crest and then dumped it into a storm drain.

Councilor Lennon asked if the town will need to make upgrades as part of this ordinance? Ms. O'Meara said this is existing ordinance provisions, and the town is already required to make upgrades. She noted that one of the new requirements is that private storm water infrastructure must have a maintenance agreement and that agreement must be recorded. We have tried to mirror the state requirements, not go further. We have added a lot of bullet headings for user friendliness. She reviewed the submission requirements.

One change is to add dechlorinated pool water as an allowed discharge, recommended by the Public Works Director.

The committee reviewed Article II. Councilor Lennon asked who is responsible after a project is constructed? Staff explained that the new state requirement is that private infrastructure of a certain size must be inspected annually.

No changes were made by the committee. Councilor Jordan said the Planning Board did a fabulous job. Councilor Sullivan acknowledged the detailed work involved in the package.

Councilor Sullivan made a motion to send the Technical Amendments package to the Town Council for review, seconded by Councilor Lennon. The motion passed 3-0. The committee expressed support for adopting the amendments as soon as possible.

Next Meeting

The committee will next meet on Thursday, September 15th, when the Sign Ordinance will be discussed.

Public Comment

No members of the public were in attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.