

MEETING OF THE LAND USE COMMITTEE 3-6-2023

The meeting was called for 6:30 in the Town Hall. Present were Dedun Ingram, chair; Rohit Bhayana, Kathy Flaxman, Sybil Freedman, Eric Murtagh, Stuart Sessions, and David Valenstein.

Chair Dedun Ingram called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Minutes of the February 6 meeting were approved as circulated.

Proposal for consultation. The Committee discussed a draft of a proposal to the Town Council for hiring an engineering company (possibly Cass Engineering) to consult with LUC on water issues.

The Committee liked the draft as written. It was agreed that text should be added to solicit in an open-ended manner the consultant's suggestions about aspects of the Town's drainage ordinance and regulations that might be modified to reduce burdens on applicants without compromising the goals of the ordinance. Some specific topics on which the consultant's input will be sought could include: which provisions of our water drainage regulations are more protective than the County's, opportunities for better meshing our requirements with the County's, , .

(including thoughts about what the most important items to consider are); possible changes to rainfall amounts; preferences on dry well types, and thoughts about whether/how rainscape projects could be used to mitigate stormwater runoff

Reviewing Water Engineer's reports: Stuart has been going through the water engineer reports. In many cases, homeowner concern is water coming from other properties upslope. In some instances the homeowner believes that the flow from upslope may be exacerbated by past or current construction activity upslope. In other instances, an upslope property may be subject to a drainage plan. Instances such as these might be particularly instructive about how our drainage regulations are working – they should be identified and investigated further. Stuart passed out a revised template to be used to tabulate information from the reports. The template was discussed and a few changes were made.

Stuart will send each committee member about ten of the water reports to code according to the matrix. Then he will recombine into a single report/analysis.

March 8 Town Council meeting Dedun encouraged Committee members to attend the March 8 Town Council meeting at which Evan Glass (current County Council President) will make a presentation and answer questions from residents.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.