

Washington St. Workgroup
Thursday, June 21, 2024
Hybrid: Zoom and in person at the Land Bank Office

Members present: Matt Fee, Brooke Mohr, Nat Lowell, Allen Reinhard, John Stackpole

Members absent:

Staff present: Vince Murphy, Leah Hill, Rachael Freeman, Jesse Bell, Claire Martin, Charles Johnson, Laura Marett (SCAPE), Gena Morgis (SCAPE)

Packet here: https://nantucket-ma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/_06212024-13958

A. CONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a. May not exceed 3 minutes per speaker.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- February 1, 2024; April 4, 2024

- Change the spelling of Glowacki and delete “e” from Belle.
- Approved with updates (5-0)

3. DISCUSSION WITH CHARLES JOHNSON, TOWN OF NANTUCKET STORMWATER MANAGER, ABOUT THE STORMWATER FEASIBILITY STUDY

- Town and Land Bank received SNEP grant as part of Lily Pond project and the Town’s portions was a feasibility study with Horsley-Witten in the downtown area. This includes looking at the condition and locations of outfalls.
- Putting best management practices in place that may include eliminating outfalls in downtown and/or pumping.
- Once new force main gets switched over there will be an extra pipe in place that may be able to use to pump stormwater to the Sewer Treatment Facility. A pump station will need to be in place before stormwater can be pumped.
- Another potential solution is to use a sewer bed that is decommissioned to pump the stormwater directly into, so it goes to groundwater or pretreating before it goes to groundwater
- Looking at constructed wetlands in the Jetties Beach area to address stormwater, calculating stormwater flows, and looking at discharging outside the harbor as a possibility
- Children’s beach pump station is not in decent shape and not ideal. Looking at moving it back by the stage or relocating it to Orange St.
- Feasibility Study site visit in July and a meeting in August
- The Town put a constructed wetland in at Washington St. Extension and the Great Harbor Yacht Club (GHYC) installed a constructed wetland in too but neither have been maintained. Charles would like to see both cleaned up so they can function properly. A maintenance schedule was never offered when the Town’s was built and the stormceptors (to catch sediment) should be maintained after every storm but have not.
- GHYC funded a grant to sample outfalls and will be added to a data base that includes Town yearly water quality sampling program.

- 2 years ago, National Water Main hired to clean up the catch basins in North Beach St.
- 20 years ago, structure to collect sediment and discharge into infiltrators below Silver St. parking lot was installed and silted up. Part of sewer force main project is going by Silver St. and the Town will be putting in new infiltrator units and overflow goes to Consue Springs.

4. WASHINGTON STREET LONG-RANGE PLANNING

a. Review and approval of Washington St. Workgroup mission statement

- Leah Hill read the draft mission statement (see packet)
- One change to update ReMain Nantucket to Remain
- Approved with change (5-0)

b. Grants

ii. Offshore Wind Grant

- Awarded ~\$49,000 to fund entire outreach and engagement task.

c. Discussion on outreach and engagement plan by SCAPE

ii. Discussion on project open house week of August 5th

- Discussion on what the project name should be.
- Discussion on project goals including environmental, social, and operational.
 - Fee suggested adding move water in environmental section goal to include stormwater pumping if thinking long-term.
 - Charles Johnson suggested adding embrace and manage water under environmental goal.
 - Jesse Bell suggested adding permitting in the feasibility goal.
 - Claire Martin suggested changing educate to inform.
 - Rachael Freeman suggested breaking up operational goals to make them clearer.
 - SCAPE will add these suggestions to the goals and present them at the next meeting.
- SCAPE primary consultant team in charge leading developing materials, education and outreach plan, approach to project, coordinating printing of materials in coordination with Workgroup.
- Nat recommended joint meetings to update Select Board, NP&EDC, and Land Bank. There will be touch points with full board review and discussion; Brooke recommended adding project updates within the CRAC quarterly reports to the Select Board and Leah, Coastal Resilience Coordinator agreed to do so.
- Laura read over the Town's and Land Bank responsibilities within the scope (see packet).
- Brooke brought up making sure outreach and engagement plan aligns with the seasonality of visitors, seasonal and year-round residents and Laura concurred that the plan takes that into account and the first open house will potentially be in the first week of August to capture seasonal residents and visitors. This event will be combined with the Easy St. Flood Mitigation Project with two

identical sessions. The second engagement event will most likely be in the fall/early winter.

- A discussion revolved around compensation for attendees that included who gets compensation and who pays. Laura said she is not sure how relevant it is for this particular open house, but compensation has been used for some of their other projects for community workgroups. Vince and Matt mentioned the issue of how the Town would pay for this type of compensation. The next step is to add this onto an agenda for further discussion and to contact the Finance Department to explore if this is possible.
- Phases of engagement: first phase now working on the engagement plan, develop lists of stakeholder groups, and sharing information about flood risk, project goals, etc. An in-person event with Washington St. residents to share information will be planned soon. Phase 2 includes a community open house event where alternatives are on the table and providing the Town and Land Bank with materials to speak about the project “meeting in a box”.
- Discussion on who the second focus group should be which included truck drivers, accessibility and mobility groups, abutters.
- Jesse brought up that we should discuss the questions we want to ask and the priorities within the project that are necessary. This will be an agenda item for a future meeting.
- Nat brought up the need for and importance of coordinated review for all projects within the Washington St. area.

d. Next Steps

- Develop materials for abutter focus group meeting, think about approaches, and coordinate meeting.

5. DISCUSSION ON MEETING SCHEDULE

a. Set dates for July and August meetings

- Workgroup meetings 2x a month while working on engagement phase and staff meetings every week.
- Workgroup meetings will now be 2nd and 4th Fridays at 11am for an hour.

6. DISCUSSION ON WORKGROUP OFFICERS

- This will be discussed at another time.

7. NEXT MEETING: June 27, 2024 at 9am

8. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, CONCERNS, OR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Duane Jones (abutter) asked when will the facts be talked about with the neighbors. The group said it will occur at the first focus group which we are starting to plan now.

B. ADJOURNMENT