

03/21/22 Select Board Working Meeting via Zoom

In attendance: Chair Peter Jurmain, Vice Chair Erin Underhill, Clerk Craig Schultze, Town Administrator Mike Guzinski, DPW Director Jim McKay, Operations Support Manager Karen Bouret

Chair Jurmain called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and explained that this is a “working” meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Stormwater Credit Manual for the Select Board and the Board will not be responding to public comment at this meeting.

The Board discussed the fact that giving credits to some residents means others will have to carry the cost, meaning it is really a cost shift from some residents to others. The Board talked about residential vs. commercial properties and how they should be defined in relation to credits. The Board considered the implications of allowing credits for both commercial and residential in the same fashion versus making a distinction between residential (single family or two family housing), commercial and industrial. The Board decided to have a small user credit for single family homeowners while commercial/industrial credits will have different requirements.

The Board reviewed what a “driveway” means and agreed that any area where vehicles park and have compacted the ground is considered a driveway.

The Board decided to change the up to 80% credit to up to 50%.

Under the credit application section, the Board decided to strike the “requirement for certification by a licensed stormwater professional.”

Attorney Jay Talerman, town counsel, joined the meeting at 6:15pm. Attorney Talerman suggested defining “residential” as single and two family housing. The Board agreed that all other properties are considered multi-family, commercial or industrial. Attorney Talerman said that the credit manual can be periodically updated by the Select Board and does not require town meeting approval.

Sel. Underhill made a motion to adjourn at 6:20pm. The motion was seconded by Sel. Schultze.

Sel. Jurmain polled the Board and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Victoria Schindler